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Eight-year-old Amanda Zurek plays in the basement of her Antioch home with her sister, Rebecca, 3. Amanda was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy more than two years ago.

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LAKE COUNTY: BURGER KING SLAYING

Jury: Ealy to face 7 counts of homicide

By TARA CLIFTON

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WAUKEGAN - A Lake County grand jury indicted James "Jim" Ealy Wednesday morning on seven counts of a first-degree homicide charge.

Ealy will appear for an arraignment before Judge Fred L. Foreman at 9 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, in courtroom 204 in Waukegan.

Ealy, 42, 102 N. Milwaukee Ave., Lake Villa, is being held committed during a robbery. without bond in the Lake County Jail in connection with records have shown that Ealy the death of Mary Hutchison.

Hutchison, 45, of Trevor, and Route 132.

Police said that she had been strangled and stabbed.

the state's attorney's office, said probable cause to hold him.

that if convicted of all charges Ealy could be sentenced to 100 years in prison or face the death penalty.



James Ealy

the counts are for a "brutal and heinous' murder, Shanes said. Four of the counts are for the fact that a

murder was

Three of

Cook and Lake county court

has a violent criminal past.

In 1982 a jury convicted Ealy Wis., was found dead Nov. 27 at of killing and raping a woman the Lindenhurst Burger King and killing her four children in that she managed at Munn Road Chicago, said Prosecutor Jeffrey Pavletic.

All four were strangled. In 1986 an appellate court over-Daniel B. Shanes, chief of turned Ealy's conviction, saythe felony review division for ing that police did not have Bears players meet, greet fans



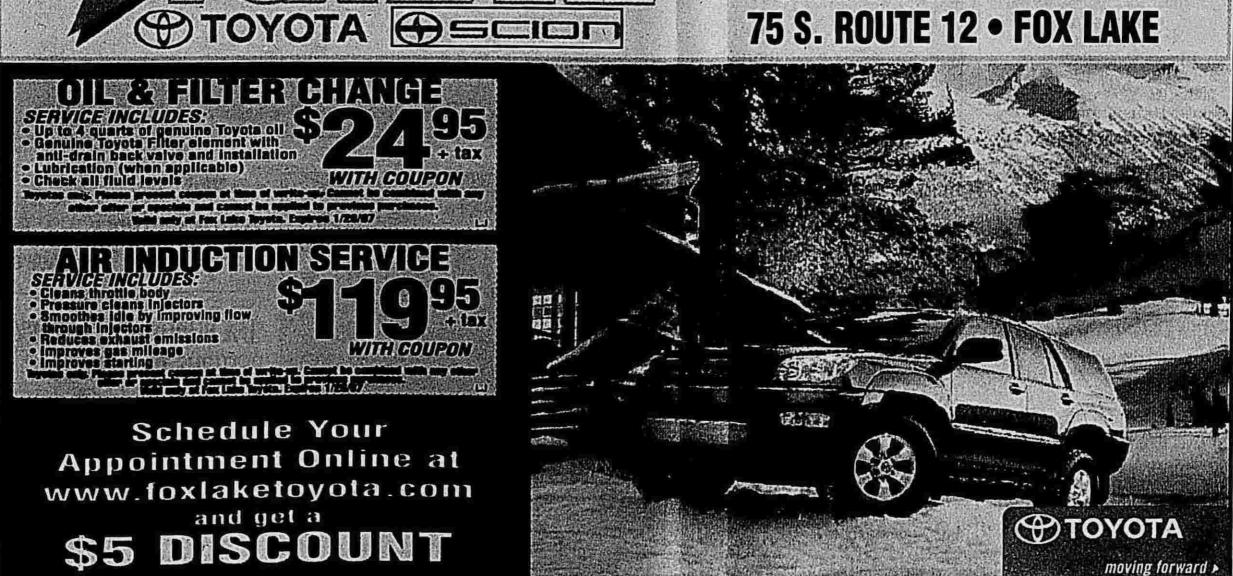
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Chicago Bears player Devin Hester, star punt returner and defensive back, shakes hands with a fan and signs autographs along with Bears safety Chris Harris and wide receiver Bernard Berrien on Saturday at Gurnee Mills shopping center on Route 132 in Gurnee.



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COMMUNITY

Quote of the Week

"There are always bumps in the road. But knowing there is hope helps you get over

-Kim Zurek on coping with her daughter Amanda's diagnosis with Spinal Muscular Atrophy (see story on A8)

Page A5 LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS Friday, January 5, 2007

Making a long-term commitment

Condell's NutriQuest program requires participants pledge to liquid diet, exercise

By HELEN MANSFIELD hmansfield@nwnewsgroup.com

With a healthy diet, sensible portions, and exercise, people lose weight. But, some have experienced the thrill of losing 20 pounds, only to gain 30 back.

This yo-yo effect can be discouraging.

At this point, determined dieters will often call upon their doctors. There are a number of prescription medications that can aid in weight loss. Some will boost a patient's metabolism, reduce their appetite and craving of food, and still others will prevent the body from absorbing the fats from the foods they eat. All of these can have various side effects.

Sara Sturtz, 57, of Long. Grove, had tried a lot of things to lose weight. She had heard about Condell Medical Center's NutriQuest program and, in February, she decided to try it.

According to Condell's Web site, NutriQuest is "a liquid protein fasting program for people who have 50 or more pounds to lose." Patients on the program will drink supplements, usually shakes, for a certain period of time; they will also attend weekly weigh ins and share their successes, as well as their setbacks. Over time, solid food and exercise are reintroduced slowly. Some patients have lost as much as 20 pounds a month on the program.

"I knew I could be successful from the start because I knew I could stick with a liquid diet," Sturtz said. "It's not easy, but it's simple."

At only 5 feet-2, Sturtz had a lot of the medical problems associated with being overweight. She had sleep apnea, high blood pressure and cholesterol, joint and back pains, and worst of all, type 2 diabetes. She had to take a lot of medications to keep all of these issues in check, which she said became at 362 pounds. an "enormous burden, physically and emotionally."

By the numbers

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, nearly two-thirds of U.S. adults are overweight and one-third is obese. In Illinois, the CDC estimates that 60 percent of adults are overweight or obese.

For many, weight becomes an issue when one's current wardrobe starts to get a little snug, which is common during the holidays. Weight becomes a problem when medical issues such as high blood pressure and cholesterol, joint pain and sleep apnea develop, and type 2 diabetes sets in.



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Round Lake resident David Northern has lost more than 100 pounds in the past year by participating in NutriQuest, a liquid protein fasting program, under a doctor's supervision.

Weight loss: finding what fits

This is the second part in a series on weight loss Part one looks at the phenomenon of Weight Watchers.

Part two delves into NutriQuest, a medically supervised program, which consists of a liquid diet and exercise.

Part three addresses gastric bypass procedures - an option when diet, exercise, and pills fail.

zero," or a four/six. She said her losing weight, he became "super weight loss was very quick and depressed and discouraged." He dramatic.

only so many calories I can con- to his weight. Northern looked sume.

Sturtz still attends the weekly meetings in order to stay on track.

Round Lake, realized he had an gery. eating problem when he was six; his step-father was a big man, competitive and felt young David should be eating as much I feel good and I've got my confias he did.

As he got older, Northern's size was often an advantage. In Northern wasn't able to get his high school and college, he played football, wrestled, and was a golden gloves boxer. His \$100 a week for the nutritional boxing weight in college was supplements; he admits that is 191 pounds. After graduating, getting married, having a family and a sedentary desk job, Northern reached his heaviest

Northern admits that he Sturtz lost 115 pounds, going depressed. When he tried to gram," he said.

was often out of breath, had "Holidays are not about the chest pain, and migraine food," she warns. "There are headaches, which he attributes into getting gastric bypass surgery, but he was told that he would need to be on a medical diet for at least six months, and joined him at Condell's Centre David Northern, 33, of fall, before he could get the sur-

In January of 2004, he tried NutriQuest and found success.

."It's been really good for me; dence back," Northern said.

Unlike some participants, insurance provider to pick up the cost, so he had to shell out and strong," Northern said. probably what he would spend on food anyway. Now that Northern is down to 245 cost at all.

Type 2 diabetes

A common form of diabetes mellitus that develops especially in adults and most often in obese individuals and that is characterized by hyperglycemia resulting from impaired insulin utilization coupled with the body's inability to compensate with increased insulin production - also called noninsulin-dependent diabetes, noninsulin-dependent diabetes mellitus, type 2 diabetes mellitus

Source: Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary

Club in Gurnee and also lost weight.

"Society is more tolerant of a heavy man," he said.

After Northern lost a large portion of his weight, one of his wife's aunts warned her that she better lose weight in order to hang onto her husband.

"Men are supposed to be big

After a year for Sturtz, and two years for Northern, both of their weight related medical issues have subsided.

For more information on pounds, he doesn't regret the NutriQuest and the other programs offered by Condell's "I am blessed to have been Medical" Center Health uses food as a crutch when he is able to participate in this pro- Institute, call them in Libertyville at (847) 990-5770, or from a size 22/24 to "Chico's size work out; and was unsuccessful" Northern's wife Danita in Gurnee at (847) 599-7360.

Our Town

New tower in town

The Antioch Fire Department station on Holbek Drive is finally home to a T-Mobile cell

The tower was installed last week after encountering a few minor problems. While digging into the ground, workers discovered a huge boulder at least 5 feet tall. Needless to say, they had a little trouble figuring out what to do with

All the antennas on the old



Tara Clifton

water tower on Toft Avenue will be moved to the new cell tower. T-Mobile is paying \$1,500 a month to the village to rent the space on which the tower sits.

These are the first steps officials are taking to tear down the old water tower, which is not used anymore and many see as an eyesore.

State Representative JoAnn D. Osmond, R-Antioch, has added another activity to her list. She recently joined the board of directors at State Bank of the Lakes, which has facilities in Antioch, Lindenhurst, Grayslake, Spring Grove and McHenry.

Congratulations to Anthony James Pignato of Antioch, who received recognition on Jan. 2 for his service in Iraq.

Pignato, 24, spent a year in Iraq as an Army Specialist. Mayor Dorothy Larson issued a special proclamation honoring his efforts.

Thanks, Anthony, for your dedication and hard work.

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Police Beat

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Warrant

Brandon M. Vice, 19, 700 block of Tiffany Farms Road, Antioch, wanted on a warrant for failure to appear in court, Dec. 19.

Theft

Yolanda S. Young, 35, 2500 block of Hebron, Zion, theft, contributing to the delinquency of a minor, Dec. 19.

Possession

Allen S. Meyer, 38, 3400 block of Harbor Ridge, Zion, possession of marijuana, possession of drug equipment, driving with a defective plate light, driving with a revoked driver's license, Dec. 19.

LAKE VILLA

Suspended license

Mark T. Haley, 47, 24105 W. Beach Grove Road, Antioch, driving with a suspended driver's license, possession of marijuana, Dec. 25.

Gerardo Marquez, 35, 2444 Sterling Court, Round Lake Beach, driving with a suspended driver's license, Dec. 26.

Speeding

Cory D. Allen, 22, 22428 Newberry Court, Kildeer, speeding, wanted on an in-state warrant, Dec. 22.

Ryan L. Holm, 19, 35569 N. Grove Ave., Ingleside, speeding, ran a stop sign, possession of drug equipment, Dec. 18.

Public intoxication

Blake M. O'Brien, 26, 231 Berkshire, Lake Villa, public intoxication, Dec. 23.

LINDENHURST

Suspended license

Suzanne E. Rostek, 27, 25661 Lehmann, Lake Villa, driving with a suspended driver's license, Dec. 15. Harlan Hacker, 45, 36575 Mary Drive, Lake Villa, driving with a suspended driver's license, ran a red light, Dec. 26.

Esabella D. Leal, 35, 2917 Harrisburg Court, Lindenhurst, driving with a suspended driver's license, speeding, driving without valid insurance, Dec. 27.

Mihai M. Sandor, 51, 3814 Glenview Road, Glenview, driving with a suspended driver's license, driving with only one headlight, driving without insurance, Dec. 19.

Margarita L. Galaviz, 1817 Country Drive, Grayslake, driving with a suspended driver's license, failure to notify Secretary of State of an address change, unlawful use of a driver's license, Dec. 19.

Torrence D. Smith, II, 24, 4211 Swan Lane, Zion, driving with a suspended driver's license, speeding, Dec. 28.

Kate A. Harris, 20, 10664 W. Yorkhouse Road, Waukegan, driving with a suspended driver's license, unlawful use of a driver's license, Dec. 21.

Backchul Shin, 65, 2840 N.
Southern Hills Drive,
Wadsworth, driving with a suspended driver's license, improper lane use, Dec. 21.

No valid driver's license

Benjamin Casimiro-Mercado, 24, 11765 Illinois Ave., Beach Park, driving without a valid driver's license, speeding, driving without proof of insurance, Dec. 15.

Suspended registration

Stacy L. Haber, 22, 22178 W. Cedar Drive, Antioch, driving with suspended registration, driving with tinted windows, driving without proof of insurance, Dec. 16.

DUI

William F. Stasek, 81, 151 Timber Lane, Lindenhurst, driving under the influence, Dec. 21.



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For additional information contact Terry Kuss in the Lake County Planning, Building, and Development Department at (847) 377-2136.

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Jay Singh of Lindenhurst

I grew up in: Illinois

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My pets: Fish

Occupation:

Business owner of Jay's Amoco [corner of Routes 132 and 45]

> I graduated from: Dominican University

Hobbies:

Movies, video games

Last good movie I saw: "Superman"

What's your favorite band or music right now? Jay-Z

Last good book I've read: "Lord of the Rings"

Favorite restaurant: Big Bowl Chinese and Thai Restaurant

Favorite meal: Anything chicken

Favorite place to shop: Gurnee Mills

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If I could have one super power it would be: To fly

> My dream job: Own a big corporation

My pet peeve is: Rude people

If you have a "Neighbor" whom we should profile in this column, call the Lake County Journals at (847) 223-8161 or e-mail antioch@weeklyjournals.com.

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Shriners Hospital helps local family

By TARA CLIFTON

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ANTIOCH - Laughing with a bright smile, Amanda Zurek, 8, ran upstairs from the play room one day at home. Closely trailing her was Rebecca, 3.

The two sisters talked, laughed, argued about who would play with which toys, and ran back downstairs.

Their parents, Kim and Bob, failed to stifle smiles as they told their daughters to not shout.

Just another normal day in the Zurek household. And normal is the daily goal.

A little more than two years ago Amanda was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy, a genetic disorder in which the muscles throughout the body are weakened and eventually die. The disease is fatal.

"I want her to be an 8-yearold," Kim said. She does not want this disorder to define Amanda, or keep her from having a good childhood.

Amanda shows off a pink plate she painted in the Girl Scouts. She jabbers excitedly about making Christmas cookies with Rebecca, and also talks of her favorite activities in school and in physical therapy sessions.

Amanda, a student at Antioch Elementary School, is full of energy. Kim and Bob give most of the credit to the had been plaguing Amanda. Shriners Hospitals for Children of Chicago. Life, they said, has Atrophy diagnosis or SMA never been the same since they found the hospital.

Kim and Bob had spent years bouncing among hospitals trying to figure out what was wrong with Amanda. Since have grown larger. she was 18 months old Amanda would suddenly fall for no rea- it would be." son. She could barely push the

Some doctors said she didn't learn the correct way to walk. at that point," he said. Others said she had balance problems.

and physical therapy, Amanda stand their daughter's illness, 3. still had difficulty doing the and have guided them. things her peers did easily.

The Zureks were at the end of their rope. Kim called the Families of Spinal Muscular Shriners in tears, begging for a Atrophy, an international referral to someone who could organization dedicated to dishelp.

them elsewhere, the staff at research to find a cure. Shriners took in the Zureks.



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Eight-year-old Amanda Zurek sits with her parents, Kim and Bob, and her sister Rebecca, 3, in their Antioch home. Amanda was diagnosed with Spinal Muscular Atrophy more than two years ago.

Learn more

To find out more about Spinal Muscular Atrophy, log onto www.fsma.org. Learn more about the Shriners at www.shrinershq.org.

After two months of careful evaluation, Shriners doctors finally had an answer to what

Spinal Muscular The came as both a sigh of relief and a blow to the head.

The Zureks finally knew what they were battling, Kim said, but the enemy seemed to

"I was in shock," she said, "I had trouble moving, such as didn't know what it meant. I rolling instead of crawling, and didn't know what the impact of

Bob said that after all the pedals on her bicycle and climb doctor visits, he knew the diagnosis couldn't be good.

"We had braced for the worst

But Bob and Kim said that the Shriners have been instru-But after various treatments mental in helping them under-

One resource that Kim found because of the Shriners was tributing information and sup-But rather than sending port to families, and promoting inherit SMA.



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Amanda Zurek, 8, of Antioch, shows the plate she made for her 3-yearold sister, Rebecca, at Shriners Children's Hospital in Chicago.

against, she said.

According to the Web site, Amanda did at age 3. scientists have separated SMA mined upon the onset of symptoms. Amanda has Type III; meaning that she displayed signs of the disorder before age of charge.

In order to inherit the disor- said. der, both parents must be carriers of the abnormal gene that on to their child. About 1 in 40 people are carriers of this gene, 'strong family makes. and 1 out of 6,000 babies born

Just browsing the been genetically tested, Kim over them."

Libertyville-based group's Web and Bob said she is free of site gave Kim more knowledge SMA. They already notice huge. of what her daughter was up differences between what Rebecca is doing now and what

But although Amanda can into four types, which are deter- grow tired from certain activities, Kim and Bob said she has flourished under the Shriners' treatment, which has come free

"She doesn't give up," Kim

The Zureks give much credit to the Shriners for helping causes the disease and pass it. Amanda, but they also know the difference that having a

"There are always bumps in the road," Kim said. "But know-Although Rebecca has not ing there is hope helps you get

Homicide suspect comes forward

Police claim man did not know Bears' defensive tackle or friend

By EMILY PREVITI

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CHICAGO - Police have charged a man in the shooting death of William Posey, friend and bodyguard of Chicago Bears defensive tackle Terry "Tank" Johnson.

Posey lived with Johnson at a news conference Dec. 28, two his house in Gurnee.

On Dec. 27, Michael Selvie came forward to Area 3 Headquarters, 2452 W. Belmont Ave., after he learned investigators were looking for him. Two days later, a Cook County judge denied him bail. Selvie remains in the Cook County Jail, and will appear in court Tuesday, Jan. 16, on a charge of firstdegree murder.

Defense attorney Jayne Ingles said "a miscommunication" between Selvie and family members led attorney Rick Beuke to represent Selvie at his bond hearing. Ingles said she nesses whom police interviewed will continue to handle the case at Selvie's request.

Chicago police forcibly entered people's homes looking for the 34-year-old Chicagoan, said Ingles, who denied that class-action lawsuit. Selvie had any responsibility for the shooting.

She would not, however, comment on whether he was at Ice Bar, 738 N. Clark St., when Posey was shot at 1:30 a.m. Dec. 16.

Posey entered the club with Johnson eight minutes before the shooting, said Johnson's attorney Tom Briscoe. Briscoe represents Johnson in a case in 14, six weeks after neighbors' which the athlete faces six complaints of gunshots promptcounts of possession of a weapon without a Firearm Owner's Identification card.

Lt. Anthony Riccio, acting commander at Area 3 Headquarters, stressed that the two cases are not related, and that Selvie knew neither Posey nor Johnson.

Selvie allegedly bumped into Johnson and then had a "physical confrontation" with Posey, Riccio said, before he fired the bullet that struck Posey.

Police have not yet recovered

the weapon.

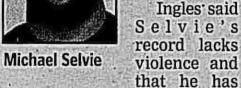
News Affairs Sgt. Eugene Mullins said police used forensic evidence and pictures from

club guests and security cameras to identify Selvie as a suspect.

Riccio described Selvie as a "known gang member" on probation for a narcotics-related charge. Selvie's record contains 30 arrests - 12 felonies - and seven convictions, Riccio said at

> had first-

hours after police filed degree murder charges against Selvie.



never owned a gun.

"Police were under a lot of pressure to make an arrest," Ingles said.

She claimed that other witduring the past week described interrogation methods that were inappropriate. She declined to release the names of those people, saying they plan to file a

Riccio denied that any coercion had taken place.

"People are videotaped from the time they walk in to the time they leave," he added.

Posey, 26, shared Johnson's Gurnee home with Johnson's girlfriend and their two young children.

Police raided the house Dec. ed an investigation. Officers found six weapons, ammunition and 2.25 ounces of marijuana. The search warrant has not yet been released.

Posey was released on bail for charges of felony drug possession about 12 hours before his death.

Johnson awaits trial on weapons charges.

He will remain under house arrest the Lake County court has adjudicated the Gurnee case, at which point Cook County could impose additional sanctions, which could include extension of his probation or up to a year in jail.





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- CPR classes. 6 p.m., second and fourth Wednesdays. Squad Building, 835 Holbek Dr., sponsored by Antioch Rescue Squad. \$5 fee. Call (847) 395-5511 to learn more.
- Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting. 6:30 p.m., Wednesdays, weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Dorothy Stark at (847) 395-7407 or Betty Muller at (847) 838-3907 for more information.
- AFFTER (Advocates for 'Fibromyalgia Funding, Treatment Education and Research) support group meeting. 10 a.m.-noon, first Saturdays. Antioch's Community Building, 884 Main St. Call (847) 362-7807 or go to www.AFFTER.org for more information.
- Kiwanis Club of Antioch meeting. Noon, Tuesdays. Bacchus Restaurant. The public is welcome to join and share experience, knowledge and service project ideas. Call Melissa at (847) 489-8044 or e-mail at mjrigoni@hotmail.com for more information.
- Antioch Women's Club meeting. 1 p.m., second Wednesdays. Call Maureen Fremgen at (847) 395-5968 to learn more.
- AARP Chapter 387 (for adults 55+) meeting. 1 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays. The Senior Center, 817 Holbek Dr. Call Sharon Nowak at (847) 395-5068 to learn more.
- The Meeting House Museum. 11 a.m.-3 p.m., first Saturdays. See original photos of Antioch and a veterans' exhibit of photos and memorabilia from the Civil War through the Gulf War.
- Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal. 7-9 p.m., Mondays. Antioch Community High School band room. Area musicians high school age and older are welcome to

join. No auditions. Call Debbie Davis at (847) 395-0272 to learn more.

• Open gym. 7-9 p.m., Sundays. Antioch Community High School. \$2. Adults only.

CRYSTAL LAKE

• Crystal Lake Toastmasters 'Club meeting. 8-10 a.m., first and third Saturdays at Amcore Bank Building, Rt. 14 and Pingree Rd. Develop your presentation and leadership skills. For information, call Steve at (847) 526-1525 or visit http://user.mc.net/-toast1.

GRAYSLAKE

- Members' Exhibition. Jan. 12 Feb. 18. Robert T. Wright Community
 Gallery of Art, College of Lake County,
 Washington St. For more information,
 call (847) 543-2240 or visit
 www.clcillinois.edu.
- Zurko's Antique Market. 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14. Lake County Fairgrounds, Rts. 120 and 45. For more information, call (715) 526-9769 or visit www.zurkopromotions.com.

GURNEE

- Home Office Managers and Entrepreneurs meeting. 9 a.m., second Wednesdays. First Midwest Bank, 300 N. Hunt Club Rd. Exchange ideas, guest speakers, referrals, share business-owner experiences. Call (847) 367-7118 for details.
- Network Lake County meeting. 8-9 a.m., Thursdays. A business networking group meeting in Gurnee.
 Call Boyce Buckner at (847) 838-0058 to learn more.
- Lake County Chamber of
 Commerce networkers group
 meeting. 7:30 a.m., first and third
 Fridays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 N.
 Milwaukee Ave. Call (847) 249-3800
 for information.
- LeTip Networking Group meeting. 7:01-8:31 a.m.; Wednesdays. Panera Bread, 6557 Grand Ave. Local business owners promote their businesses and exchange leads. Guests are free. For more information, call Dennis Dean at (847) 231-3009.
- Lake County Camera Club meeting. 6:30 p.m., peer-to-peer discussion and socializing; 7:30 p.m., meeting, first Fridays. Warren Township Center, east crafts room, in park on southwest corner of Almond and Washington. All skill levels, digital and film, welcome. Call Mike Ament at (847) 356-6937 (noon-6 p.m.) to learn more.
- Lake County Spinner's Guild meeting. 1:30-4 p.m., second Sundays. Warren-Newport Public Library. Enjoy the art of fiber spinning and meet fellow spinners. Call Carol at (847) 234-0778 or Chris at (847)

367-2536 to learn more.

• Singles (ages 55+) Breakfast Group meeting. 8:30 a.m., Saturdays. In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Milwaukee Ave. Call Chuck at (847) 362-5458 for details.

AROUND TOWN

HAINESVILLE Hainesville Great Age Club.

Varied times, first Tuesdays. Hainesville Village Hall. The group is for Hainesville residents, age 62 and older. For more information, call the village hall at (847) 223-2032.

LAKE VILLA

- Animal Open House. 2-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 7. Meeting Room A/B, Lake Villa District Library, 1001 E. Grand Ave. Crafts and other activities for 3-year-olds to sixth grade. For more information, call (847) 356-7711.
- Lake Villa Village Board meeting. 8 p.m., second Wednesdays
- Lake Villa District Library Board meeting. 7 p.m., second Mondays. 1001 E. Grand Ave.
- Lake Villa Township Board meeting. 7:30 p.m., second Tuesdays, Township offices, 37908 N. Fairfield Rd. Call (847) 356-2383.
- Weigh to Win meeting. 7-8 p.m., Tuesdays. Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd. Call (847) 356-6181 to learn more.
- Lake Villa Take Off Pounds Sensibly meeting. 5:30 p.m., Wednesdays. Church of the Holy Family, 25291 W. Lehman. Call Cathy at (847) 587-7710 or Debbie at (847) 687-5531 for details.
- MOMS Club of Lake
 Villa/Lindenhurst meeting. 9:30
 a.m., Mondays. Lake Villa District
 Library, 1001 Grand Ave. Children welcome. For more information, call Erin
 Bearss at (847) 546-1545.

LIBERTYVILLE

• Crafters wanted for Spring Arts & Crafts Show. 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday and Sunday, March 10-11. Libertyville Sports Complex, corner of Rt. 45 and Peterson Rd. Crafters may rent 10-by-10-foot booth for \$75. Electricity is available. For more information or an application, contact the GLMV Chamber of Commerce at (847) 680-0750 or visit www.glmvchamber.org.

LINDENHURST

- Lindenhurst Village Board meeting. 7 p.m., second and fourth Mondays. Village Hall Boardroom.
 Call (847) 356-8252 for more information.
- Lindenhurst Park District
 Board meeting. 6:30 p.m., second
 Tuesdays. For more information, call
 (847) 356-6011 or visit www.linden-hurstparks.org.

Lindenhurst Community
 Partnership meeting. 7 p.m., second Wednesdays. Village Hall.

- Free blood pressure screening. 8 a.m.-noon, Mondays. Victory Lakes Continued Care Center. Call (847) 356-5900 to learn more.
- VFW Post 4894 meeting. 8 p.m., second Wednesdays. Civic Center. Call (847) 356-7482 for details
- Lake Villa Township Lions
 Club board meeting. 7 p.m., second Tuesdays. State Bank of the Lakes.

McHENRY

McMOMS-McHenry County
 Mothers of Multiples meeting. 7
 p.m., second Thursdays. Nippersink
 District Library. All mothers or expectant mothers of multiples are welcome. Call Georgie at (815) 759-0760 for more information.

MILLBURN,

- Lake County Doll Collectors meeting. 1 p.m., third Saturdays. Millburn Congregational Church, Rt. 45 and Grass Lake Rd, Call (847) 623-2072 for details.
- Millburn Chapter 570, Order of the Eastern Star meeting. 7:30 p.m., second and fourth Tuesdays.
 Millburn Masonic Lodge, Rt. 45 near Grass Lake Road. For more information, call Worthy Matron Clarissa Mellen at (847) 224-3698.

ROUND LAKE

 Big Brothers, Big Sisters meeting. 6:30-8 p.m., Mondays.
 Calvary Presbyterian Church, 510
 Cedar Lake Rd. Call (847) 360-0770 for information.

ROUND LAKE BEACH

• Seniors and Law Enforcement Together meeting. 10 a.m., second Fridays. Round Lake Beach Police Department, 1947 Municipal Way (next to post office), call Tom Finnegan at (847) 546-2351.

ROUND LAKE HEIGHTS

- Round Lake Area Community
 Band rehearsal. 7-9 p.m., Tuesdays.
 Indian Hill School, 1920 N. Lotus Dr.
 New musicians and all instruments are always welcome. Call Christi at (847) 546-8558, ext. 422, to learn more.
- ROUND LAKE PARK

 Lake County Community

 Health Partnership Immunization

Clinic. 9-11 a.m., second Wednesdays. American Legion Hall, 111 E. Main St. Call (847) 377-8470 for details.

American Legion Post 1170
 meeting. 7 p.m., second Thursdays.

 111 Main St. Open to public, new

members are always welcome. Call the post at (847) 546-3512 for more information.

SKOKIE

• Jewish Genealogical Society of Illinois meeting, "Beginners' Workshop." 1-4 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 14. Temple Beth Israel, 3601 W. Dempster St. For more information, call (312) 666-0100 or visit www.jewishgen.org/jgsi.

WADSWORTH

• Knights of Columbus Council
Free Throw competition. Saturday,
Jan. 13; registration and warm up at 8
a.m., competition at 9 a.m. St.
Patrick School gymnasium, 15020
Wadsworth Rd. Boys and girls ages
10 to 14 are invited to participate.
Participants must bring a copy of
birth certificate for proof of age and
have a parent sign a parental consent form. Age bracket winners will
be eligible for District competition.
Awards ceremony immediately after
completion of competition.

WAUCONDA

- Wauconda Snowmobile Club meeting. 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 10. Wauconda Bowl, 381 W. Liberty St. For more information, visit www.ilsnowmobile.com/clubs/ wcs.htm.
- Wauconda La Leche League meeting. 7 p.m., second Tuesdays.
 Federated Church, 200 S. Barrington Rd. Information and encouragement for breastfeeding mothers. Pregnant mothers and nursing babies are always welcome. Call Leslie (847) 516-4339 or Linda (847) 526-5942 with questions or for information.

ZION

- Lake County Community
 Health Partnership Immunization
 Clinic. 9-11 a.m., second Saturdays.
 Memorial United Methodist Church,
 2935 Sheridan Rd. Call (847) 872-6062 for details.
- Zion Park District Senior Citizens Club meeting. 10 a.m., Wednesdays. Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave.

SALEM, WIS.

- Senior Coffee Hour. 9 a.m., first Fridays. Salem Community Library, 24615 89th St. Coffee, healthy snacks, programs for seniors and good conversation. Call (262) 843-3348 for details.
- To submit an item to the Calendar, e-mail to wjcalendar@weeklyjournals.com, phone (847) 223-8161 or fax (847) 223-8810 at least 14 days before the event.

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Oh what a night



A sold out crowd of people (875) welcome 2007 at Austin's Saloon and Eatery in Libertyville. Austin's provided transportation and lodging for more than 600 people in Lake County. Five shuttle buses ran from area hotels all night.

Knowledge is the best defense

Education, testing is health department's strategy against tuberculosis

By HELEN MANSFIELD

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WAUKEGAN - The initials "TB," can bring fear to people of all ages, on every continent. Scientists have found remains of prehistoric man and Egyptian mummies that have tested positive for tuberculosis (TB), a deadly, infectious disease that most commonly attacks the lungs.

In the early 1900s, TB clinics opened in the U.S. and Europe to treat the millions who were dying as part of a world-wide epidemic. Later, the clinics evolved into places to keep the infected away from the general population.

According to Dhiya Bakr, TB program coordi- the central nervous system, lymphatic system, nator with the Lake County Health Department. more than one third of the world's population now has the TB bacterium in their bodies. New infections are occurring at a rate of one for each second globally, especially in Africa.

Not everyone infected will develop the disease. however, 1 in 10 will progress to active TB; if left on the decline because of TB screenings. untreated, the disease will kill more than half of its victims, but Bakr said the disease is highly treatable with antibiotics.

"In Africa, it's still an old, infectious disease to have TB that's still prevalent," Bakr said.

Symptoms of TB include a prolonged cough of more than three weeks, chest pain, and coughing up blood. The disease can be spread by coughing. sneezing, speaking, or spitting. It also can affect

TB tales

Folklore from the 1800s shows that people with TB were often thought to be vampires; they had red, swollen eyes, which were sensitive to bright light, pale skin and often coughed up blood. It was believed that the afflicted would replenish their blood loss by sucking the blood of others.

Source: Bioarcheological and Biocultural Evidence for the New England Vampire Folk Belief by Paul S. Sledzik and Nicholas Bellantoni (1994), from The American Journal of Physical Anthropology No. 94

circulatory system, bones and joints.

People who have coughs, we encourage them to be seen by a physician or come here and be screened, if they think they might have TB," Bakr said.

Nationally, Bakr said actual TB numbers are

The Lake County Health Department listed, in a press release, high-risk groups for TB:

Close contacts of persons known or suspected

 Foreign-born people from areas of high TB, such as Asia, Africa, Latin America, and Eastern

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Family matters to stop violence

Local shooting, national research suggest prevention starts at home

By EMILY PREVITI epreviti@nwnewsgroup.com

ZION - As the Starlite Restaurant's wait staff cleared tables at the end of the lunch rush Dec. 29, silverware and glasses clattered and clinked, but did not drown out Zakee Darr's voice. Softly, but steadily, he talked about his lence upon two local families. brother and sister-in-law.

For the past month, Sharif and Saffiyya Darr have househopped throughout Lake County. On Dec. 1, Saffiyya shot 16-year-old Gerrell Davis after he broke into the couple's home. Police have identified Davis, who was armed during the attempted burglary, as a gang member.

His shooting prompted online threats, which caused Sharif and Saffiyya to flee out of fear for their safety.

"It's still up in the air at this point," Darr said of where they plan to move. "But they for sure are not going back."

Darr said the couple does not want to talk about the incident, but gave him permission to speak for them.

During the past year, Darr said he has gone to a dozen funerals. Half of the deaths, he said, were drug-related; others, gang-related, including the murders of friends' sons in Gurnee, North Chicago and Waukegan.

"It has a ripple effect on families," Darr said of the devastation he has witnessed.

Familial impact

According to CeaseFire violence interrupter Anthony "Drac" Brown, the Davis family is wracked by feelings of anger and guilt. They are working to put the incident in the past, Brown said, and are not speaking to the media.

Chicago-based CeaseFire uses community mobilization,

Keeping tabs

This series uses December's Zion shooting as a lens through which to examine gangs and youth violence in Lake County.

·Part one: Focuses on how gang activity impacts families, in general, and the impact of youth vio-

·Part two: Will detail economic impacts of gangs, and economic influences that prompt youth violence and gang activity.

 Part three: Will look at community response and preparedness for youth violence, as well as the history of law enforcement, schools, and other agencies' efforts to confront the issue in Lake County.

youth outreach, public education, faith-based leader involvement, and criminal justice participation to stop violence.

After the Zion shooting, Darr contacted Brown, whom he knows personally, because the families' wide networks created a potential for countywide impact.

The Darr and Davis families have roots in Waukegan's south side, Darr explained. Over the past 50 years, he said, subsequent generations have settled in other communities in Lake County.

"They are intertwined and interlinked through relationships and family," Darr said. "It's like a giant ball of rubber bands."

The possibility for that tension to snap in Waukegan underscored to Brown the necesintervention. sity to CeaseFire's most recent annual report lists plans to expand to Zion during 2007; the organization began outreach in Waukegan and North Chicago during 2006.

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Former Harvard mayor was Ford's granddad

By KEVIN P. CRAVER kcraver@nwherald.com

HARVARD - Gerald Ford's story does not begin at his Omaha, Neb., birthplace, but on the corner of Sumner and Division streets in Harvard.

It was there on Sept. 7, 1912, at the former site of Harvard Christ Episcopal Church that lifelong resident Dorothy Ayer Gardner, 20, married Leslie Lynch King, an Omaha wool merchant.

Gardner, the daughter of former Harvard Mayor Levi Addison Gardner, gave birth to the nation's 38th president. Ford, who was thrust into the presidency as the public was jaded by Watergate and Vietnam, died Dec. 26 at 93.

"That's what's so neat about local history," McHenry County Historical Society Executive Director Nancy Fike said. "There are so many connections to national history if you know where to look.

"It all starts right in someone's backyard, and in this par- weeks after Leslie Lynch King Jr. businessman Gerald R. Ford, for in office, Fike said. backyard."



The Dikun residence at 403 Church St., in Harvard, is the birthplace of Dorothy Ayer Gardner, the mother of former President Gerald Ford.

ticular case, it happens to be our was born in Omaha, Gardner left her abusive husband. She later

whom they re-named their son.

But it was not lost during his Knowledge of the connection presidency - his daughter, Susan Ten months later, and two married Grand Rapids, Mich., has faded since Ford's two years Ford, was. marshal of the Harvard Milk Days Parade during the nation's Bicentennial in 1976.

> It also was not lost at the his- good place," he said. torical society's museum, where nished hat of Gardner's maid of honor is kept, along with a mending the society for doing so. Mills.



Photo courtesy of Gerald R. Ford Library and Museum **Future President Gerald Ford is held** by his mother Dorothy Ayer Gardner.

Ironically, that maid of honor, Lillian Keating Donovan, gives Harvard a second presidential connection.

Struck by polio at an early age, she took treatments at Hot Springs, Ga., with Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and the two became friends. Fike said he asked her to become involved in the National Foundation Infantile Paralysis that he created in 1938, known today as the March of Dimes.

Ford's connection to Harvard does not a surprise Stuart Wells, a board member of the Greater Harvard Area Historical Society.

"Harvard always has been a

Harvard is not the only town the cream-colored, rose-gar- in McHenry County that has a tie to Ford. Although grandfather Levi Gardner lived in framed letter from Ford com- Harvard, he was born in Solon



Forecast Lake County Luncheon

The MUST attend business event of the year!

Forecast Lake County, presented by the Lake County Chamber of Commerce, provides Lake County's business and government leaders a chance to explore and examine the issues, challenges and opportunities in 2007.

> Registration limited to the first 200! R.S.V.P. deadline is January 11 Call (847) 249-3800 or email to martha@lakecountychamber.com

January 18, 2007

Holiday Inn of Gurnee 6161 West Grand Ave. Gurnee, IL 60031

Registration/Networking: 11:00 a.m. Lunch/Panel Discussion: 11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Presentations by: Suzi Schmidt, Chair, Lake County Board Dr. Roycealee Wood, Regional Superintendent of Schools David Young, President, Lake County Partners Maureen Riedy, President, Lake County Convention & Visitors Bureau, Plus many more!!!

Affiliate Chambers: Gumee • Hispanic • Waukegan

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Health department lists who are at high-risk of TB

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 Residents and employees of in high-risk categories high-risk congregate settings

· Health care workers who related factors does. serve high-risk clients

· People who inject illicit Waukegan, on 515 Keller Road. drugs or substance users

betes, HIV/AIDS, immuno-suppressing illnesses and other dis-

· Children exposed to adults

Bakr said that belonging to a i.e. homeless shelters, correc- certain ethnic background tional facilities, alcohol and doesn't predispose someone to a drug treatment centers and oth- higher risk, but rather a lack of access to health care and other

The health department plans · Medically underserved, to have a new TB clinic, in the low-income populations, and spring, located at the Belvedere high-risk minority populations Medical Building Campus in

For more information on TB, • People with certain chronic contact the clinic at 2415 Dodge medical conditions, i.e. dia- Ave., or call (847) 377-8700.

Making an appearance



Chicago Bears' players Devin Hester, Chris Harris and Bernard Berrian sign autographs at Gurnee Mills Dec. 30.

Credit Union receives two honors

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League recently honored Consumers Credit Union (CCU) with two statewide awards.

union, which offers locations in Waukegan, Mundelein, Round first place in the Louise Herring competition for demonstrating the "credit union philosophy in plished that"

place in the Dora Maxwell so- of the credit union's efforts to African American Banquet.

"The Louise Herring and The Illinois Credit Union Dora Maxwett awards are based on demonstrating the credit union approach of 'people help- how products are structured, ing people' and giving back to how CCU determines which The Member-owned credit the community," CCU President new products to adopt and even Sean M. Rathjen said. "Consumers Credit Union late the value of these products Lake Beach and Gurnee earned works hard to live up to that and services to members. standard. These prestigious awards indicate we've accom- Responsibility Award is judged

CCU earned the Louise CCU also received second Herring Award in recognition Lake County's Most Influential

cial responsibility competition. extend the value of credit union products and services throughout its field of membership.

These efforts are reflected in in the way staff is trained to re-

The Dora Maxwell Social on community involvement.

CCU was a major sponsor for

─ CLC Notes

CLC business division offers info sessions

A new year could mean a new career in business. Learn about career options in a variety of business fields at information sessions offered by the College of Lake County Business Division. Potential students are invited to the following information sessions to meet faculty members, get career outlook information and learn about degree and certificate programs.

 Administrative Office Systems – From 5:30 to 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 9, in room T 220 on the Gravslake Campus.

 Business Management – A university transfer option open house will take place in conjunction with the University Center of Lake County from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31, in the multipurpose room at the center, 1200 University Drive, located on the CLC Grayslake Campus. Food Service Management – From 6 to 8 p.m., on Monday,

Jan. 8 in the Willow Room (C 001) at Grayslake. Paralegal Studies – From 9 to 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, or from 7 to 9 p.m.Monday, Jan. 8, in room T 220 on the Grayslake

Campus. For information, call the CLC Business Division at (847) 5432041 or send an e-mail to businessdivision@clcillinois.edu.

Spring semester classes begin Jan. 16. To apply for admission, please call (847) 543-2061 or log on to www.clcillinois.edu/applic.htm.

To register for classes by phone (after completing CLC's admission process), call (847) 223-1111. To register online, log on to www.clcillinois.edu/selfserv.htm.

Computer game development and design

Learn how to turn a passion for computer games into a well-paid career in the hot new field of designing and programming computer games by starting at CLC. Details will be provided at a

Computer Game Development/ **Design & Animation Combined** Information Session from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, in room T 234 on the Grayslake Campus. Faculty from Computer Information Systems (CIS) and Multimedia will present information on proposed new options in game development, animation and graphic design.

For information, call the Communication Arts, **Humanities and Fine Arts** Division at (847) 543-2040 or the Business Division at (847) 543-2041, or send an e-mail to businessdivision@clcillinois.edu.

Programs encourage parental involvement to help curb violence

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involvement, according to stance abuse at home. Brown, who could not say with which gang Davis was affiliated.

until the police told them," Brown said, adding that relatives still "do not feel he was in

Adults' own responsibilities but neglect it in practice. might distract them from noticing, Brown said.

"Once they know, they instantly get on top of that," Brown said.

Being present

An Urban Institute report on

curbing violence.

the report explained, often stem "adequate," but "predictable," spurs siblings' curiosity and ex-Davis was raised by his aunt. from poverty, inappropriate disand expressed a desire for more perimentation. She knew nothing of his gang ciplinary practices, or sub- grassroots involvement to

Some Lake County organizations, like NICASA, mandate parental participation in the 2004. Before that, the 47-year-old their life really isn't where it's "These people didn't know framework of their programs.

> found that many community programs craft plans that em- several gangs with a presence phasize parents' involvement, in Lake County.

> limitations on time and money, younger brothers, cousins and concerns about blame for chil-nephews to see a "gang banger" dren's behavior or school per- when they looked to him as an formance, and other complica- example. tions led to parents' reluctance to take part.

risk youth cited parental in than younger children to dis- Racine, Wis., where he heads galrt/gangalrt.htm provides a voice."

volvement as paramount to courage parents' participation. the Youth Leaders Academy at list of agencies).

Their problem behaviors, sponses to youth violence are that one's involvement often Call to the community happen."

Darr has lived in Zion since spent his life in Waukegan. The Urban Institute's report Growing up, Darr said, he be-

Darr got out, he said, be-The report explained that cause he did not want his

Darr said local agencies' re- the YMCA. Brown affirmed

communication.

lived a downhill a life," Brown organize a summit next week. longed to the Vice Lords, one of said. "They don't want their hill struggle."

This increases chances for successfully preventing or stop- open mic for residents and comping gang activity, unlike the mentary from a panel that will pleas of "square" parents, include Brown, a few ex-gang Brown said.

Brown advocated taking ad-This can spawn generations vantage of the gang awareness chief. of people who become involved resources provided by Lake

Numerous memorial sites to Davis have popped up on Past parental involvement, MySpace; elsewhere online, "head off stuff we know will on the other hand, facilitates people post prayers for both families and of hope that more "That parent knows that violent incidents do not occur,

The need for dialogue in the supposed to be, because they world offline prompted Darr to

It starts at 6 p.m., on Jan. 11, child to be involved in ... an up- at the Shiloh Center, 2600 Emmaus Ave.

The forum will feature an leaders, community activists, and Zion's mayor and police

Darr hopes the event will Age enhances these barriers, in gangs, as Darr said he has County (www.19thcircuit- allow the community to recommunity programs for at- as adolescents are more likely witnessed locally and in court.state.il.us/bkshelf/gan- spond and proceed with "one Contact us / Mail: 34121 N. Route 45, Suite 224, Grayslake, IL 60030

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─® Our View

Electric rate gouging plan

A plan to phase-in electric rate increases should dispel any notions that ComEd and its parent company, Exelon, are not out to gouge residents.

After it was announced that northern Illinois residents could see electric rate increases of 22 percent, ComEd said it would work on a plan to phase in the increases over a few years to soften the blow. Last week, the Illinois Commerce Commission approved ComEd's phase-in plan.

The plan allows ComEd customers to pay the increase in increments of at most 10 percent.

That sounds fair. The problem is that customers actually will owe the entire rate increase next year. And they will pay 3.25 percent interest on the money that is being deferred.

Customers who sign up for the plan can expect to have to pay a balloon payment sometime in the future. This plan preys on the poor who actually might have trouble paying increased rates, and exploits the elderly who might not fully realize the implications of deferring payments.

We think this plan sets a

trap for consumers," said David Kolata, executive director of the Citizens Utility Board, a nonpartisan consumer advocacy group.

What is even more infuriating is the fact that the Illinois Senate already passed a phasein plan very similar to the one the Commerce Commission approved. The difference was that the Senate's plan included no interest on the deferred payments.

It is disgusting that ComEd, whose parent company, Exelon, is enjoying huge profits, would need to charge interest on top of a 22 percent rate increase. This is how ComEd softens the blow for consumers.

ComEd's phase-in plan simply is one more indication of the problems Illinois will have with a deregulated monopoly. The 22 percent rate increase is the result of deregulation legislation passed in the late 1990s.

The Legislature should roll back the 22 percent increase and freeze electrical rates. Lawmakers then should formulate an energy policy for the state that protects consumers and is fair to ComEd.



Seeing it Through

Illinois far behind openness, TV access to courtroom viewing

For years, I have written in this column, and have always advocated openness in government, whether it be open public meetings, freedom of public Information, or transparency of public policies.

It follows then that I strongly think that the public would benefit if the court system were made open, too. That means that trials should be televised.

For too many years, cameras had not been allowed in courtrooms, mainly because judges and lawyers think thatthere was the jeopardy that trials would not be fair to either side in the process.

They said there was the risk that both attorneys and judges are apt to participate as if they were celebrities, rather than playing their roles in the fair administration of justice.

There might always be some cases where some judges or lawyers might overplay their

responsibilities, just because their actions are being made public.

I think that overall there would be very little difference from how

they handle themselves, wnetner there were cameras in the courtroom or not.

In fact, isn't there the chance that judges and attorneys might

be more careful knowing that their every move would be measured by the public.

John S.

Matijevich

Surely, they would act as judiciously as possible, as they should.

I doubt if you will ever catch any of them yawning if cameras are in the courtroom.

We are now in the 21st century.

Televised court trials are no longer a novelty.

In fact, televised court proceedings have found a niche with the viewing public with the airing of Court TV for 25

Yes, many who view the cable network court program wait until there are cases involving celebrity or sensational trials.

However, such high profile cases are in the minority, yet there is a large enough viewing audience to sustain the court program for these many years.

To my knowledge, the many trials that have been televised on Court TV have continued without disruption of the trials, and justice has been administered fairly and impartially.

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Snapshot

Your thoughts on this week's hot topic

"What, in your opinion, was the biggest news of · 2006?"



"Korea [testing] the nuclear weapons."

Toni Enright **Round Lake**



"The hanging of Saddam Hussein."

Brian Hughes Round Lake Park



"The sudden death of Steve Irwin, the crocodile hunter."

Jeremy Stephan Round Lake



"The execution of Saddam Hussein."

> Able Diaz Hainesville

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Forest Preserve

Familiar face leads forest preserve board

President Bonnie Thomson Carter, R-, Creek side on the county's southern bor- Nixon after he resigned as a result of the ment would cover 190 acres of unincor-Ingleside, will continue to lead the board der. for another two years. She was re-elected as its president and Angelo Kyle, D. Millennium Trail from Lakewood to Waukegan, was elected vice president in Singing Hills and is now operational, a vote among commissioners.

"We will continue to do our best to continue to acquire land and improve the older holdings of acres, with trails, parking improvements with various intergovernmental agreements, which we have been successful with," Carter said.

Carter noted that, while the district has acquired 25,000 acres of land, or 40 square miles, the district's tax levy has decreased.

"That says a lot," Carter said.

Two of the newer parcels are in the western part of the county, as Grant Township now has Black Cames and Wauconda Township has Black Crown Marsh, which is a for-

mer gun club property that will link a Topinka, gubernatotrail system with Moraine Hills State rial foes in the Park.

Also recently approved was an inter- each released a statement about the man Green project.

Also, an agreement extends the 1974. with more trail space coming soon in try's highest office

We have a very good staff that listens and divisive time in and takes the concerns of the public our nation's history," very seriously," Carter said.

Carter is proud that her term as pres- written statement. ident is now the longest in forest preserve history.

"I am deeply and sincerely grateful to again accept this great honor, and thank tion and helped reyou for your consideration, kindness and support," said Carter, who represents the Lake County Board's fifth district. "For the next two years, we will ferred to Ford as a "real American hero." continue to acquire more land, provide clean preserves and trails, preserve and man who quietly went about the job of giving us the same protect our natural history, and create partnerships with other levels of government."



Recent political adversaries took time to reflect on the life of President Gerald Ford, who died Dec. 26 at the age of 93.

Gov. 1 Rod Blagojevich and State Treasurer Judy Baar November election,



Rod Blagojevich Illinois governor

Lake County Forest Preserve governmental agreement for the Buffalo who took over for President Richard Watergate scandal in

"President Ford ascended to the counduring a very difficult Blagojevich said in the "With honesty and integrity, President Ford emphasized coopera-

store the public's confidence in govern-

Judy Baar

State treasurer

Topinka

Topinka, in her written statement, re-

"Gerald Ford was a hard worker, a leading and healing a nation that was in turmoil," she said. "Like Americans across the nation, I took inspiration [from] his integrity and leadership."

Lindenhurst's Joint Review Board will put its recommendation concerning the Village Green up for public debate at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 8, at Hooper Elementary School, 2400 E. Sand Lake Road in Lindenhurst.

At the public forum, the Lindenhurst Village Board of Trustees will discuss the review board's opinion on whether a tax increment financing (TIF) district should be created to fund the Village

The retail and commercial developporated land at Routes 45 and 132 near Lindenhurst. Developer Oliver-McMillan's plans call for 840 residential units and 640,000 square feet of retail space.

Several members of the Joint Review

Suzi Schmidt

Review Board

chair

Lindenhurst Joint

Board, consisting of representatives of the taxing bodies which would be affected by the TIF, said the developer has not been forthcoming with information.

Specifically, tailed breakdowns of financial costs have been skimpy.

"They've just been numbers that don't

make any sense to us," said Lake County . Board Chair Suzi Schmidt, chair of the Joint Review Board. "We want to know why they think this can't happen without a TIF."

OliverMcMillan has stated repeatedly before that the Village Green, a mixeduse development, cannot become a reality unless a TIF is used to fund it.

If the land did receive a TIF designation; that means that property taxes would be frozen at current levels for up to 23 years. Additional revenue would go to build the project.

The Lindenhurst Village Board will vote on whether to annex the land and make it a TIF district on Jan. 22.

TIF talk

Televising court trials can help educate public on judicial system

 MATIJEVICH Continued from A14

Just as the public has learned more since Congress opened up proceedings that are televised

on C-SPAN, the public stands to benefit by knowing more about the judicial process if trials were made open to them.

There was a day when TV. technology was "ancient" compared to today's standards, so

TV technology is so efficient that it imposes no risk of being disruptive in court. Once states allowed cameras and audio equipment to televise court trials, to my knowledge, none have repealed such actions.

That is tantamount to a public testimonial that cameras in the courtroom work, and are beneficial to the public.

As in so many other things, it takes the state of Illinois so much longer "to see the light."

There can be no harm done if Illinois turns on the lights brighter in Illinois courtrooms and lets "the sunshine in" on the court proceedings. After all, these are public trials, and should be open to the public, too.

For Your Health

The January Community Calendar for Vista Health System

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Insomnia

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Sandy Bressner - sbressner@nwnewsgroup.com

Greg Dittbrenner, kennel staff supervisor at Save-A-Pet, walks Chicago Bears player Tank Johnson's former dog, Trina, to her temporary home. Save-A-Pet is located in Graysalake.

Bears' player puts dog up for adoption

By MATT PERA mpera@nwnewsgroup.com

GRAYSLAKE - Between the months of August and December of 2005, Gurnee police received three complaints from Terry "Tank" Johnson's neighbors regarding the Bears defensive tackle's three pit bulls.

Police said the people in the Gurnee neighborhood where Johnson lives complained that the dogs barked loudly when they were outside the home.

Johnson, who has been faced with a myriad of problems during the past month, has opted to eliminate the chance of any more issues with the dogs.

He has arranged to ship two of the dogs to family living in Arizona, according Lake County Health Department/ Community Health Center spokesperson Tiffany Bronk.

The third pit bull, Trina, was center's animal control program on Dec. 20. The dog was then ... Jackson said Save-A-Pet staff turned over to Save-A-Pet in would be careful to ensure Trina Grayslake for adoption on Dec.

Johnson, 25, was arrested on weapons charges after a raid of his home turned up six unregistered guns on Dec. 14. During the early morning hours of Dec. 16, Johnson's friend and bodyguard, William Posey, was shot and killed during an altercation at a nightclub in Chicago.

Save-A-Pet Executive Director Vestee Jackson, who played defensive back for the Bears from said he knew the Bear tackle, "was pretty emotional about it."

Save-A-Pet

For more information about Save-A-Pet adoptions, call (847) 740-7788.

"I know he cares about the animals, all three, very much and he's really thankful that we're able to [find an adopted home for Trina]," Jackson said.

Bronk said that health department helped arrange for the transport of Johnson's other two pit bulls back to Arizona, and added that extra caution would likely be taken in finding a home for Trina.

"They know this is going to get a lot of attention so they want to make sure they find the best home for her," Bronk said.

That attention was at its height on Dec. 29 when Trina was brought to Save-A-Pet. As she adjusted to her surroundings, television crews filmed her relinquished by Johnson to the arrival and newspaper photographers snapped photos.

was adopted for the right reasons and eliminate those who want the dog for her former owner's fame.

As a former Bears player, and fellow University of Washington alumnus, Jackson said he planned to speak with Johnson soon to assure him Trina would be happy in her new home.

When things calm down a little bit I want to talk to him and explain what's going on what our plans are with Trina, just sort of give him peace of mind and 1986 to 1990, said he had yet to hopefully help him take the next talk to Johnson about Trina, but step and do the responsible things and what he needs to do in his life," he said.

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(From left to right) Berenice Lopez and Norma Guzman, students at Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Waukegan, view an ancient Egyptian artifact at the Field Museum's "Tutankhaman and the Golden Age of the Pharaohs" ex-



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Ten tips for upgrading your home's exterior

The importance of curb apthat can help light up the night. peal can never be underrated tion" with potential buyers.

ments can be achieved quickly houses. durable! moisture. Try these cost-effeclook of your home:

Tip 1 - Trim out exterior windows. Use crossheads for over a window and top with a solid, decorative or recessed panel keystone accent piece. On the moulding pieces with plinth blocks in the corners to eliminate miter cuts.

Tip 2, Add sparkle to your

Tip 3 - Top off your home when you own a home. Whether with an impressive cupola. it's pride of ownership or fitting Fypon offers 25 ornamental flow and ventilation to enter the in with the neighborhood, the cupolas ranging in height from exterior of your home reflects about five feet tall to more than your personality and can create seven feet tall. The base and roof your entryway by adding a new positive impressions. And, if support are made of cellular you're selling your house, the im- PVC while the sill, crown your door hardware. portance of curb appeal jumps moulding and louvers are made ten-fold as you try to position of urethane. Featuring bell, your home for an "instant connec- pagoda and hipped copper roofs ters. Choose from a selection of with the center portion options Many exterior enhance of louvers, glass or wren bird-louvered slatted panels shutters

Lightweight yet wooden porch system with a and diagonal V-styles. Paint or low-maintenance new structural balustrade sys- stain the pre-primed shutters to pieces from Fypon resist insect tem which includes porch posts, complement any home exterior. infestations, rot, decay and top and bottom rails, balusters Tip 9 -- Add decorative and all the other pieces essential columns to the exterior of your tive upgrades to transform the to create a great, weather-resistant porch.

pieces of PVC Beaded Board on panel square styles and are the ceiling of a porch or sun-weather resistant. room and then use the same ___ Tip 10 - Make your entryway low-maintenance materials for more welcoming with an elesides and below the window, use a wainscot treatment on the gant door surround. Start with walls.

wooden louvers with low-main- with a decorative pediment-try dd, sparkle to your tenance urethane louvers, a rams head, sunburst, acorn or decorarive lamppost Functional louvers have a non-lepeaked cap style 1911 1911.

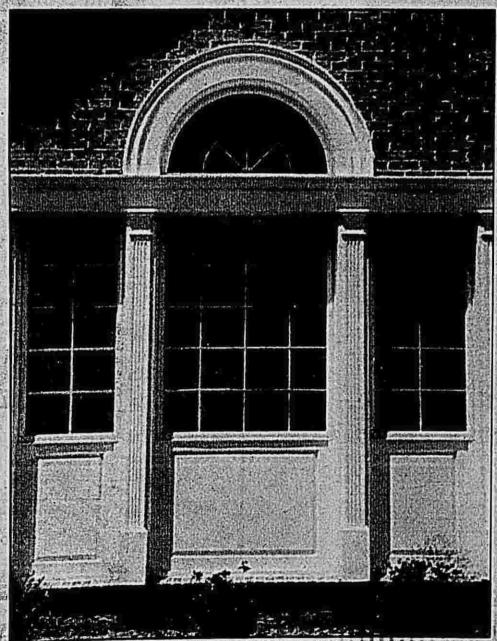
corrosive fiberglass screen backing to keep insects out while allowing maximum air-

Tip 7 - Upgrade the look of brass kickplate and polishing

Tip 8 - Flank your windows with easy-care urethane shutwhite louvered solid panel and or woodgrain plank panel shutand easily by adding synthetic Replace a rotting ters in two-plank, three-plank

home or yard. Urethane columns come in fluted square, Tip 5 - Interlock and install serpentine, flat square and plain

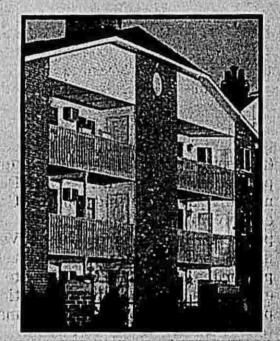
fluted pilasters on either side of Tip 6 - Replace older, rotting the door and then top the door



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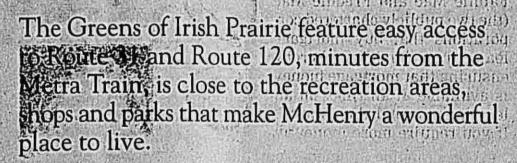
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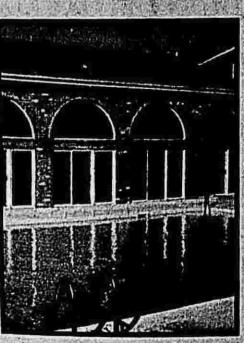
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To help you get started, here's a rundown on the different types of mortgages avail-

Most common mortgages

 Fixed Rate (FRM): the mortgage-payment rate and loan payments remain fixed for the life of the loan, usually 30 years. Shorter term fixed rates (usually 15 or 20 years) carry lower interest rates, higher payments, and less money paid out than with longer term loan mortgages. Longer term fixed rates have smaller monthly payments and are easier to budget than shorter term mort-

· Adjustable Rate (ARM): interest rates start lower than then become variable. At specific intervals (typically every year), a lender adjusts the rate up or down as interest rates fluctuate. Its lower initial rate can help you qualify for a larger mortgage loan. If you know your income will rise to keep pace with an ARM's periodic adjustment, and you plan to move in a few years, an ARM could be a good choice.

Other, less common mortgages

So you want to buy a new buyers will go with the stan- loan to a buyer instead of pay- tial fixed period of dard fixed-rate or adjustablecash to entirely finance the rate mortgages, there are other types of mortgages that are mortgage - a legal contract that available to finance your piece

Balloon: gives borrowers cally the collateral for the lower rates and payments for a mortgage that you take out. If specific period of time - anyyou don't make payments as where from three to 10 years. agreed in the mortgage con- After that point, the borrower tract, the lender can take pos- has to pay off the principal session of your home through (amount borrowed) balance in a lump sum. Under certain con-Since the cost of a home can ditions, they can be converted run into hundreds of thou- to fixed-rate or adjustable-rate loans. Many borrowers either loan tends to be for a very large sell their homes before they get sum of money that you get to to their due dates, or end up repay off over a long period of financing their balances into time - usually around 15 to 30 new mortgages. This is a great mortgage option for buyers who don't plan on living in the property for long. A disadvantage is that if your plans change and you decide to reand there are many kinds from main in your home, you will which to choose, it's wise to be have to pay off your mortgage, or refinance the balance, which selection of a particular mort- will result in more closing

Jumbo: considered a nonconneeds and that you can afford forming loan because it exto pay it for as long as you plan ceeds the loan limit set by Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac (the two publicly chartered corporations that buy mortgage loans from lenders), thereby ensuring that mortgage money is available at all times in all locations around the country. If you require more money in your loan, then a jumbo mortgage may be a good option. You'll have the opportunity to purchase larger, more expensive properties, but you'll also be paying a higher interest rate in exchange for the lender's higher risk.

Subprime: reserved for individuals with less-than-satisfactory credit, based on their FICO scores (FICO scores are a number assigned to you based on your credit rating). These with a fixed-rate mortgage, but mortgage loans have higher interest rates and more burdensome terms than conventional loans, but they give bruisedcredit borrowers a chance to reap the benefits of homeownership just like their more creditworthy cousins. Be prepared for inconsistent terms because interest rates, fees, and underwriting guidelines can vary drastically among lenders.

Assumable: relatively rare, but a homeowner with an as-Although the majority of sumable loan can "hand off" the

ing it off using proceeds from the home sale. If rates are low and you can get one, by all then 23 means, do so. If rates rise, buyers will be able to assume your loan at the rate you currently pay (and will be willing to pay more for your house) because it will be much cheaper than any loan they could get from a bank or other source. An advantage of an assumable mortgage is that it reduces monthly payments and saves money on closing costs. A disadvantage is that sellers will charge more for their property, so buyers need more cash to cover the difference between the asking price and the loan balance.

Two-step: combines elements of fixed and adjustablerate mortgages. Features a fixed rate and payment for an initial period, followed by one of the loan term. These mortgages will have names such as 2/28, 5/25 or 7/23. A 7/23 mortgage, for example, has an ini-

seven years, an adjustment. and

the adjustment. These mortgages give borrowers with damaged credit an opportunity to buy a home and to establish better credit. However, if your credit does not improve, you could be stuck in a high-rate loan for much longer than two or three years.

Biweekly: a fixed-rate mortgage in which payments are made every other week instead of monthly. It is a method used to shorten the life of a 30-year mortgage simply by dividing what

would be your monthly payment into two. That means you will be paying 26 "half-payments" a year (the equivalent of 13 monthly payments), with the 13th monthly payment being applied adjustment; then a fixed rate entirely to the balance of the and payment for the remainder principal. By making more payments, you'll have a dramatic impact on the length of the loan. For example, a 30-year loan can be

paid off in about 23 years through

years of payments following this method. The only tricky part of changing to a biweekly mortgage is in making sure your lender accepts your payments and correctly credits the extra portion to the principal. Besides cutting your mortgage short, biweekly payments could serve as a good budgeting tool for many people; although it is not recommended for people who may encounter financial problems since these payments are made so close together.

Federal Housing Administration (FHA): Eligible parties may qualify for a down payment (as low as three percent). Loans come from lenders approved by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).

VA loans: The Department of Veterans Affairs helps eligible veterans and service personnel to get loans through conventional lenders. Down payments may not be required.



Twenty-five fast ways to transform a room

Homeowners looking for ways to brighten up the look of their homes with fast do-it-yourself enhancements can find the answer to their decorating needs with durable urethane millwork pieces. The lightweight pieces are easy to install and ideal for quick upgrade projects in every room of the home.

1. Surround an interior room divider with pilasters and a crosshead to make transitioning from one room to another a unique experience.

2. Add a two-piece ceiling medallion around the top of a light fixture or ceiling fan in less than 10 minutes. Interlocking pieces snap together quickly for fast results.

Upgrade your dining room by adding chair rail moulding about a third of the way up the wall and encircling the room. Paint or wallpaper below or above the rail to give the room a more elegant feeling.

4. Install corbels to the top of cabinets to present a more finished look in your kitchen or bathroom.

5. Jazz up your windows by adding stylized door/window head crossette trim to surround a window. Bump-out texture and design at the top of the window of results outstanding.

6. Block it up . with plinth blocks. To surround a window, make straight moulding cuts and then put plinth blocks in the corners. No mitering and your window has a new frame surround in less than 15 minutes.

7. Add depth to your interior ety of unique colors. popping results!

8. Make a fast towel rack by two brackets. Insert a painted way to hang towels!

9. Faux finish decorative top of a room to draw attention elegant look to the room. higher in the room.

10. Look up and trim down. a fast and easy shelf. Create yertical 3-D "stripes" on a bedroom wall using flat trim mouldings. Paint different colors between the strips or keep the en-urethane shutters. tire room one color with a con-



Surround an interior door with a set of pilasters and a door crosshead to instantly upgrade the look of a room.

trasting moulding stripe!

11. Upgrade the look of a boring kitchen island by adding decorative brackets or corbels as accent pieces.

12. Replace a worn-out this no-miter project makes the handrail or banister in the home with mouldings or flat trim. Add decorative brackets or corbels beneath the new rail at regular intervals for a classy look.

13. Arrange a collage of ceiling for the room. medallions on a wall for a decorative feature. Faux finish, paint tion of Art Deco paintings or artand stain the medallions in a vari-

windows by placing window 14. Add a one-piece fireplace panels beneath a windowsill. mantel surround to an existing Add moulding around the panel fireplace or create a faux fireplace and the entire window for eye- area using these durable accent

pieces.

15. Break up a full mirror wall drilling holes into the center of in a bedroom by adding straight lengths of moulding in interesting dowel and you have an instant patterns. The mouldings will create a visual impact in the room.

16. Add a keystone to the top of crown moulding and add to the any interior room door to give an

17. Use a window crosshead for home.

between two rooms (like a kitchen and family room) with a pair of moisture, these 17-inch squares

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angular, rectangle, circle and other geometric trim pieces on the walls in a child's room to create a bold, visual look.

20. Install raised window panels side-by-side on the wall in a room to create a unique wainscot look.

21. Add a scalloped moulding border to a child's room to launch into a princess or medieval theme

22. Accent a cherished collecwork with deco mouldings around a room in bold geometric

23. Use crosshatch or square decorative panels made out of lightweight urethane to serve as see-through room dividers or "gates" to keep toys, pets and children separated from expensive knick-knacks.

24. Since the pineapple is the universal sign of hospitality, add a decorative half-round or full round pineapple accent piece in the entryway to your

25. Create a design for a back-18. Flank the window opening splash using urethane applique tiles. Decorative and resistant to offer lots of detail and can be 19. Place brightly-painted tri- painted or faux finished.

Extend the enjoyment of outdoor living spaces with the right design elements

putting more effort into choosing and affordable. the best outside decor for relaxtheir decks - and not just in the summer time. By adding comfortable amenities and seasonal enjoying outdoor living spaces for longer periods in the year.

Transfer indoor style outdoors

Carry the colors, themes and patterns of your interior design to outside spaces with furnishings and accessories in materials that are all-weather friendly. Place cushions and pillows in outdoor room by avoiding decor weather-resistant and stylish fabrics on outdoor seating. If with the exterior of your home. summer activities have taken a Decorations and furnishings in toll on your outdoor furniture or your existing outdoor furniture is made of materials that are atmosphere and visually tie the less weather-resilient - consider investing in more durable furni- rior of your home. Use your outture pieces.

in outdoor rugs and set stylish tecture and inside decor - one throws and blankets on the back setting should appear like an exof chairs or sofas. In colder climates, place outside space heaters near seating areas to The element of surprise ward off the evening chill.

Privacy matters

come a welcoming space by from neighbors. Furniture con- to your outdoor room. figurations that form an enclosed setting lend a sense of privacy Consider a fresh start and invite casual and relaxing conversations. Or consider setting a durable, outdoor privacy screen around lounging areas for added comfort.

Light it up

As the days get shorter, the proper lighting allows you to spend time in your outside room candles, lanterns or outdoor to outdoor living areas.

With the increasing popular- lamps on tables or consider lowity of outdoor living spaces, it's voltage landscape lighting. no surprise that homeowners are which is both energy-efficient

Another option is to use decoing and entertaining at home on rative electric lighting to add ambiance. You may not need to look any further than your deck railings for added conveniences to design details, homeowners are install wired outdoor lighting. Some deck manufacturers are now including built-in features that make adding exterior lighting - and even audio or security system wiring - to your deck

Don't forget the view from the outside in

Add to the serenity of your that distracts from or clashes shades that blend with the exterior of the house create a restful outdoor living space to the extedoor space to unite design ele-Reflect nature's autumn tones ments with both outside architension of the other.

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Use nooks and other unused spaces in your outdoor room to add variety. Set an unusual plant Outdoor areas that are ex- or hang unique artwork in an unposed and lack privacy can be- expected place. Outdoor art prints are more plentiful than hanging curtains. Strategically ever, giving homeowners a variplaced planter boxes filled with ety of options for seasonal color. autumn blooms or decorative You and your guests will delight pots with tall, dense plantings in the refinement and style that provide an attractive screen inventive decorative pieces add

If your outdoor living space is due for a complete overhaul, fall is the perfect time to consider replacing a worn deck - and incorporating fresh design and color into your new outdoor area. Twocolor deck design using composite materials is taking outdoor spaces beyond drab, one-color surfaces. Incorporating geometwell into the evening, enjoying ric designs and patterns in differthe crisp fall air. Determine ent colors or including complewhich areas of your deck need mentary railing components is an brighter lighting, and which to increasingly popular way homedownplay with softer light. Place owners are bringing unique style



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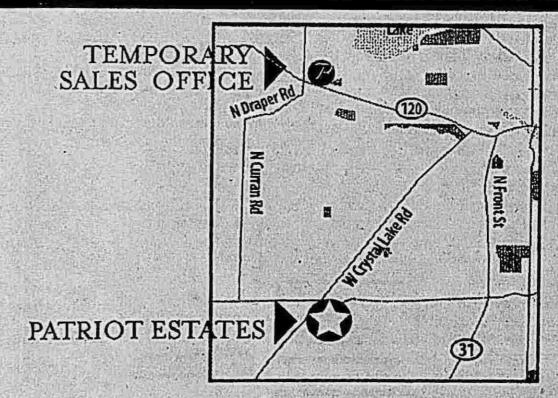
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Children can be outgoing and talkative with everyone. Columnist Jami Kunzer discusses how to teach little ones the difference between a trusted friend and a stranger.

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"Shoot for the moon"

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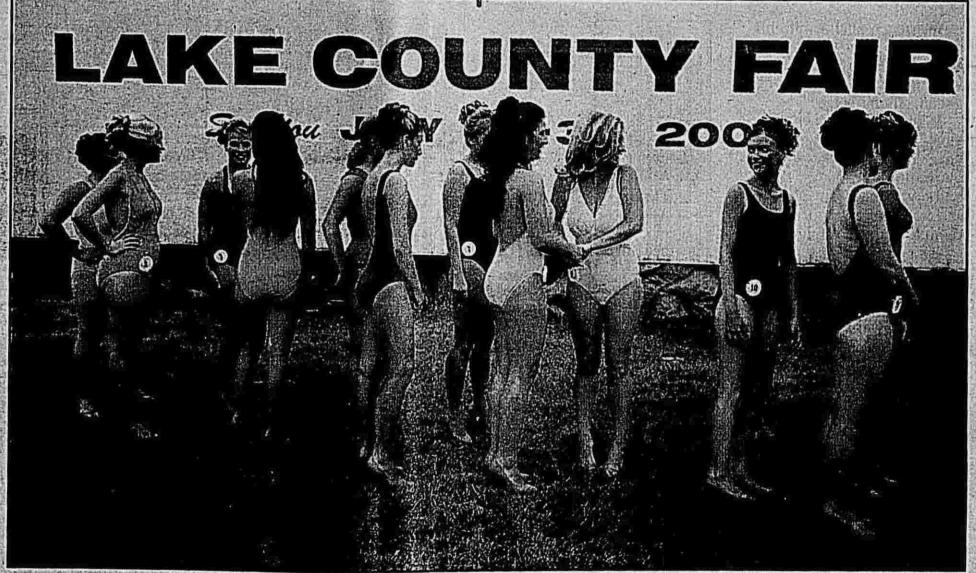
Top-10 list

Movie critic Jeff Westhoff lists the best and worst movies of 2006. He listed "Casino Royale" as the No. 1 top film of the year.



Ayear in pictures

Lake County Journals' best photographs of 2006



Sandy Bressner - sbressner@nwnewsgroup.com

Miss Lake County Fair 2006 contestants wait to take the stage during the pageant at the fair this summer. See more top photos from 2006 on page C6.

To Do

Musical night

The Lake County Folk Club will present urban folk performers McNamara & Neeley at 7 p.m. on Jan. 7 at El Barrio Restaurant & Lounge, 1122 Diamond Lake Road, in Mundelein. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$8 for seniors.

For more information, call (847) 295-7228.

How to save a life

The American Red Cross of Greater Chicago will host CPR classes on Feb. 24 in South Barrington and March 10 in Chicago. Cost is \$5.

Classes will be offered in English and Spanish. For more information, visit www.chicagoredcross.com, or call (800) 337-2338 **Messy messes**

Area residents are invited to join a very messy contest. ORG, a nationwide manufacturer of home organization solutions, will reward a \$10,000 ORG miracle makeover for a homeowner with the messiest of messes.

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Winter hotline

The Lake County Forest Preserve winter sport's hotline provides current winter sports conditions 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The number is (847) 968-3235.

A recorded message conveys current trail and ice conditions for sledding, cross-country

skiing, snowmobiling, ice fishing or ice skating at Lake County Forest Preserve locations. Condition reports, maps and other winter sports information also are available on the Lake County Forest Preserve Web site, www.LCFPD.org.

FestaBulls fundraiser

The Chicago Bulls and Verizon Wireless will host the 18th annual FestaBulls dinner auction to raise funds for CharitaBulls, the Bulls' non-profit organization, on Thursday, Jan. 18.

Guests will have the opportunity to dine and mingle with Bulls players; coaches and broadcasters during the event. For more information, call (312) 455-4122, or visit.

Everymom

Teaching young kids about stranger danger

Question: My toddlers are so friendly, they will go up to anyone. How can I teach them in a way they will understand about strangers and not approaching them unless Mommy or Daddy say it is OK?

— Louri, North Aurora

Answer: We bring our children to see some bearded guy in a weird red outfit with a funnylooking hat and tell them, "Go ahead, sit on his lap."

When someone says, "Oh, look at you. I love your curly hair," in a grocery store, we tell our children to answer back and say, "Thank you."

At the park, we encourage them to make new friends.

It's no wonder that it can be confusing for children when we try to teach them about strangers.

While I want my children to be safe, I don't want to plant any ideas in their heads about all the scary things out there.

I admire and embrace the sincerity of a child. So, it's unfortunate that as a parent today, I have to worry about that kindness getting them into trouble.

Parents shouldn't worry too much about teaching their children stranger danger until they reach about 4 or 5 years old, Woodstock Police Sgt. Richard Johns said.

By that age, they should be learning about it in school, he said.

At toddler age, children need adult supervision at all times, even when they're playing in the yard, he said.

You might want to start teaching toddlers that certain people, family members and guardians, are people they can trust, he said. Those they don't

Jami Kunzer

know are strangers, who shouldn't be trusted.

And you could talk to them about how police officers are "trusted strangers," especially if

they meet an officer, or see one driving by.

But be careful about describing to toddlers how strangers can hurt them, Johns said.

"You don't want to instill pre-conceived ideas into their minds, and it's a fine line," Johns said. "You don't want a child to develop behavior in which they become real shy and afraid of people."

When they do get a little older and are asking more questions, you can talk to them in more detail about strangers, he said.

But children won't likely truly understand until they get into kindergarten, he said.

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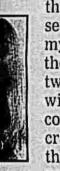
Pets

The power of compassion

Someone called me a short time ago, concerned about a Great Dane that was living in filthy conditions.

Within hours of the call, I arrived at the suspect's home. The owner reluctantly let me into her home to see the dog.

Upon entering the residence, I walked through a living room that was in complete disrepair and had a stench like



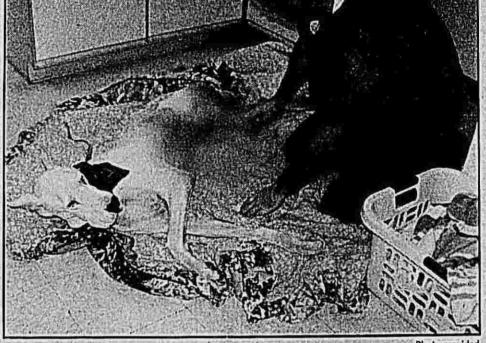
Sandy Wisniewski

thick sewage. To my left, there were two cages with nine cockatiels crammed in them. There was no food and disgusting water. To the right,

there was a ferret in a cage so filthy it had to have been months since the cage was cleaned. Above the ferret cage was a tank, filled with thick green slimy water, that had turtles swimming inside.

The woman brought me around the corner to where a Great Dane laid on the threshold of a garbage-strewn kitchen. Each rib showed through his starved body, and he was covered from the waist down in urine and dirt. He barely lifted his head to look at us.

I told the pet owner that all the animals needed immediate medical care. She said she couldn't afford it, so we agreed to take all the animals for med-



noto provided

A Great Dane, that had been treated poorly by his original owner, shares some loving moments with humans. The dog had to be euthanized.

ical care, if she signed them over to us. Within a short time, all the animals were loaded into my van.

After dropping off the birds at an animal hospital that rescues birds, we headed to Care Animal Hospital, our regular veterinarian hospital, with the dog and ferret. Our immediate concern was for the dog.

According to the owner, the dog was 9 years old, which was ancient for a Great Dane. I phoned ahead to the vet's office to prepare them for our arrival.

Arriving at the hospital, I ran inside to get assistance getting the dog out of the van.

He was unable to walk, so carrying him was our only option.

To get him into the van, my

husband, Chuck, an assistant, and I used a blanket as a sling, so I suggested they do the same.

Dr. Luaces, Alisa, the vet tech, and Kathy, the doctor's wife, heaved the dog out of the van and quickly, but carefully, brought him inside and laid him down in the back.

Dr. Luaces began an examination immediately and asked me for any history on the dog. The five of us were gathered around the dog, all obviously concerned and sad by what we saw

After further examination, Dr. Luaces suspected a neurological condition. The dog was unable to walk and his back feet curled under.

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Volunteers needed to help at Seniors Day

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

Lake County Forest Preserve officials are seeking sponsors for the preserve's annual Seniors Day Celebration next June.

The free event is for seniors age 55 and better. The event is hosted at Independence Grove Forest Preserve in Libertyville and is scheduled to take place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on June 13.

The Seniors Day master of ceremonies is Lake County
Board member Larry Leafblad, R-Grayslake.

"Partnerships with corporate sponsorships, townships and do it with and hundreds of volunteers help make this unique event possible," he said of the event. "We're looking for corporations and businesses that are interested in sponsoring the for the day."

Want to get involved?

For more information on becoming a Seniors Day sponsor, call Allison Lehnen, Seniors Day event coordinator, at (847) 968-3261. Interested sponsors should call by March 2.

To learn more about the Lake County Forest Preserve district, call (847) 367-6649, or visit online at www.LCFPD.org.

Seniors Day event. It's a great way to get involved with the community, reach thousands of Lake County residents, and do it with as much, or as little participation as you would like. A sponsor may underwrite the cost of any portion of the event or provide a special product or service for the day."

Elements of the ridiculous

This picture is really not worth 1,000 words

Driver's license photos showcase the worst-of-worst in identification cards

One rite of passage when you turn 30 in Illinois, as I did last month, is to renew your dri- I would say. ver's license for the third time.

I was in a hurry to get it done, so I wouldn't be a risk to national security when I flew out of O'Hare for Christmas.

On a Tuesday night, one day before my license's expiration date, I stopped in at the DMV.

It was a less-than-optimal experience because, apparently, the secretary of state did not match names with social security numbers until a few years ago.

At 16, I unknowingly transposed two numbers on my driver's license application. I'd been copying numbers and letters since the age of 3, but I guess I was just a little too excited that day, drooling about the thought of circling the block at 9 mph unaccompanied. (My mother wasn't keen on long trips for me yet.)

I managed to renew the license again at 21 and again at 26 without a peep. Nobody ever called security.

At 30? Not so much. I rushed home, retrieved my social security card, and I am now the proud owner of a piece of ID that makes me look

This driver's license is by far the ugliest of them all. It's the kind of ugly secret that can only be revealed to my future husband.

in the Fox River for a few days.

'Jana, I want to ask you before you marry me: Do you have bad credit? Were you ever in a street gang? You've always been female, right? Are there any embarrassing driver's license pictures floating around?"

Then I'd show him this license, we'd both cry, and the healing would begin.

My first license made me look like I'd been using a controlled substance - heavy eyelids, intoxicated grin. I could imagine being pulled over and

asked to walk the line. "But officer, I haven't been drinking,"

"Miss, I believe your license picture says otherwise. Step

out of the car, please." This also was the license I



Jana Thompson

dropped at Spring Hill Mall. Some "good" Samaritan decided to return it directly to my doorstepand asked my mother if

I could go out on a date with him. She called the cops.

I wasn't a bad-looking kid, but the photo was, well, yeeesh. Maybe he thought I knew a good drug dealer. Maybe he needed an eye exam. Maybe he was writing a book on creative and creepy ways to pick up women.

I don't remember what my license at 21 looked like. Maybe there's a reason for that.

And at 26, I got a license that looked like I'd just been dropped off on a corner in Roswell, N.M., by a spaceship. I was slightly bluish and widelike I've been dead and floating eyed.

Of course, there are those people who take beautiful pictures at the DMV.

I hate you.

My favorite pictures, though, have been the ax-murderer-mug-shot syndrome photos. We all know a guy whose license photo looks like he's doing 40 to life in a super-max. This is a phenomenon where total gentlemen somehow are transformed into wild-eyed. messy-haired, sneering, grimacing madmen.

"But officer, I haven't killed anyone.'

Sir, your license picture says otherwise."

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Providing pets with a lifetime of love

WISNIEWSKI

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He pointed out that the dog's age and physical low weight and lack of urinary control made his odds for recovery unlikely. His overall prognosis was grim.

I called Mary, a fellow humane investigator and Great Dane lover, and asked her if she'd like to see the dog.

Also, as strange as it may sound, Mary is always willing to stay with a dog when it is being put to sleep. I told her I knew this was probable. She said she'd be there in 20 minutes.

Kathy proceeded to offer the dog dry food. Uninterested in that, Kathy offered him canned food, which he gobbled up. Alisa sat on the floor beside him and stroked his head. Besides being unable to walk, he was deaf and filthy. But that didn't stop any of us from talking to him or petting him.

Alisa started clipping his nails and Kathy offered him water, which he drank eagerly. Mary arrived and got down on the floor right away and began talking to the dog. We remarked on the fact that the dog had three names, all told to me by different people, so Mary decided to name him Amadeus.

Thirst quenched and stom-

ach full, Amadeus picked his head up high and his ears perked up when he saw a cat walk past him.

Mary said, "He seems so alert." She then paused while she thought. "Sandy, if it's OK with you, I'll pay the bill for his overnight care. And if he improves at all, I'd like the vet to do some testing to see is we can give this dog a little more time. I know he's old, but even if he has six months, I'll take him home and give him the best six months ever."

Touched by her kindness I said, "Of course."

That night, the staff heaved all 100-plus pounds of the dog's weight into the tub and gave him a bath, scrubbing away the layers of urine caked to him. They then cleaned out his filthy ears.

Mary brought over a thick comforter they placed in his crate, and the doctor put a catheter in so that he would not urinate on himself.

Numerous volunteers came by to meet him, stroke his head and give him their love energy. All this was done without me even asking. All done for a dog that was homeless and likely would not be alive in 24 hours.

He had a restful and comfortable night, maybe the first in years, or ever. The next morning he was still unable to walk and physically showed no improvement.

Mary came in and spent a good portion of the day just talking to him, stroking him and making sure he was comfortable. By the end of the day, we decided he needed to be euthanized. Mary stayed with him while the doctor put him to sleep, and he died peacefully.

While what happened to this dog was horrible, tragic, sickening and avoidable (if the owners had taken care of him), I saw firsthand the power of compassion.

Care Animal Hospital's staff, Mary and many of us at Animal Education and Rescue poured love into this homeless dog, even when we knew saving him was probably impossi-

Although it might have seemed he wasn't saved -after all, he did not die on a urinesoaked hard floor alone - he died after receiving royal treatment, pampered and doted on. It was the mutual silent understanding we all shared that it was the moments of kindness we gave to this dog, however short it was, that did make a difference in his life.

So, therefore, I must believe he was saved after all.

 Sandy Kamen Wisniewski is president of The Pet Sitters of America, Animal Education and Rescue and SKW Enterprises. To contact her, e-mail petsitters@anet.com, or visit www.animaleducationandrescue.org.

Separating trusted friends from strangers

KUNZER

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"It seems like, in my own experience, the light bulb goes on when you get to that age and up," he said.

At age 4 or 5, children should be taught that a stranger is someone they don't know, he said.

"When I was doing it myself, I would ask the child, 'Am I somebody you know? Am I a stranger? Yes, but I'm a trusted stranger," he said. "I would talk about police officer identity and how they could go to someone dressed like me if they were ever lost."

Children should be taught not to search for their parents if they do get lost in a store, but to go to the cashier or a security guard and ask for help.

I know of some mothers who also teach their children that if they are truly lost, such as in a mall or somewhere, to approach a mom or dad with children if they can't find a cashier or security guard.

A couple Web sites offer further tips on the

"stranger danger" issue.

Parents can give their children a quiz on identifying a stranger at www.pediatricsabout.com. Go to "Quizzes and Polls" on the left side of the Web site. Then scroll down and click on the "Stranger Danger" quiz.

At www.safetycops.com, police officers suggest that older kids be given "code words" in the event of an emergency. If someone unexpected is picking a child up, the person should know the code word.

Bring your children on a tour of the police station so they can talk to police officers.

The site advises, of course, to teach your children never to get in a car with someone they don't know. Tell them to kick, punch, scream and run away if someone does attempt to take them.

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'Shoot for the Moon' whets space travel appetite

By TOM WITOM

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One thing you'll notice at Adler Planetarium's newest exhibition, "Shoot for the Moon," is the compact size of the Gemini 12 rocket that in 1966 successfully whisked Capt. James A. Lovell Jr. and his pilot, Edwin E. "Buzz" Aldrin, to and from the moon.

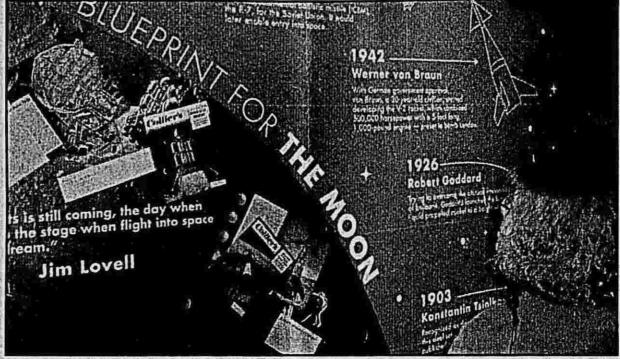
The restored spacecraft, a focal point of the exhibit, is just 19 feet long and 10 feet wide; its cockpit, jammed with instruments and controls, made for a snug fit. Whether the two explorers experienced claustrophobia isn't a matter of record.

Most likely the historic two-week mission provided enough excitement to keep their minds on more pressing matters. than limited elbow room.

Likewise, "Shoot for the Moon" visitors will find plenty to occupy themselves.

The well-conceived exhibit is designed to introduce new generations to the thrill - and danger - of space exploration. It does so through multimedia presentations that capture the most dramatic events, hands-on displays and artifacts, including a rock retrieved from the

Lovell's career is highlighted in the



A story board that is a part of Adler Planetarium's "Shoot for the Moon" exhibit tracks interest in lunar exploration. The exhibit also includes multimedia presentations.

first gallery. Growing up in Milwaukee with a passion for rocketry, Lovell applied but lost an early bid to be among the . Apollo 11, when Neil Armstrong and Mercury 7 team of America's first astronauts. But his perseverance ultimately was rewarded when, in 1962, NASA accepted him as an astronaut candidate.

- Mission: Moon, the second gallery, looks at the historic accomplishments of the Apollo missions, including:

- · Apollo 8, the first crewed mission to orbit the moon
- Aldrin became the first humans to walk on the moon
- The ill-fated Apollo 13 mission when Lovell navigated his team safely home after a life-threatening onboard explo-
- · Apollo 17, the last moon landing, in

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Another interactive opportunity, Moon Vision, allows one to sense the disorienting effects of the lunar surface.

"Shoot for the Moon" rates as a welcome addition to Adler Planetarium's permanent exhibitions, particularly as America's space program starts to heat up once more.







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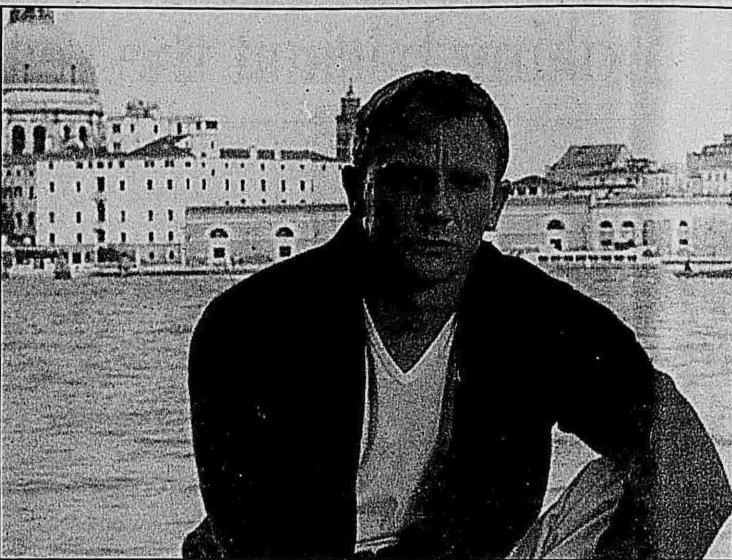
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Daniel Craig stars as the new 007 in "Casino Royale." Craig follows in the footsteps of former James Bond actors, including Pierce Brosnan. Movie critic Jeffrey Westhoff listed "Casino Royale" as the No. 1 best film of 2006.

Films flucuate in 2006

By JEFFREY WESTHOFF sidetracks@nwnewsgroup.com

cannot figure out what kind of a year it was for movies!

That is reflected in what must be the most eclectic top-10 list I have compiled in my 17 years as a professional critic.

My list includes James Bond, Lassie and the extinction of mankind, and that's just the first three films.

This year, I suppose, has been a year of surprises. Before I saw them, I expected little from most of the films that made my top 10. So, if you're surprised by some of the films on the list, so am I.

Best films of 2006

1. "Casino Royale" - If anyone has the right to thumb his nose at the world and say, "Nyah nyah nyah nyah boo boo," it is Daniel Craig.

Legions of 007 fans, including me, said he was all wrong for James Bond, that "Casino Royale" would bomb, and that the producers would beg Pierce Brosnan to return next time.

Instead, Craig makes a magnificent 007 in director Martin Campbell's muscular action film. "Casino Royale" resets the clock on Bond and taps into a deep-seated excitement missing: ent the action as if it were filmed See Westhoff, page C10

from the series for two decades.

2. "Lassie" - James Bond was-

n't the only legendary British As 2006 comes to a close, I still hero to hit the reset button. This remake of "Lassie Come Home" is superior to the 1943 Roddy McDowell film because writer-director Charles Sturridge doesn't

Jeffrey Westhoff

add phony sentiment to the story of a dog and her boy.

Peter

O'Toole, as a gruff aristocrat more caring than he lets on. and Peter Dinklage, as

tragic wandering puppeteer, give wonderful performances that will be unfairly overlooked by the Academy Awards. A throwback to classical British filmmaking from the era of David Lean and Michael Powell. "Lassie" is the most perfect family film since "Babe."

3. "Children of Men" - Set just 21 years in the future, this horrifying thriller reveals a world where no child has been born in 17 years.

Director Alfonso Cuaron and cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki use handheld cameras and long, unbroken takes to presby war correspondents.

The technique accentuates not only urgency, but also grim reality. If you want to experience true terror in a film, forget the likes of "Saw" and "Hostel" and gird yourself for "Children of Men.'

4. "United 93" - Taking place in real time and filmed as cinema verité, Paul Greengrass' "United 93" reconstructs a chronology of horrors we would rather forget, but should not.

Only the final third of the film shows how the passengers of United flight 93 confronted their plane's hijackers. The first hour details how air traffic control and military personnel realized early that morning something was wrong in the skies, but failures to communicate prevented them from averting catastrophe.

Oliver Stone's "World Trade Center" makes a fine companion piece, but "United 93" is the film that tears you apart.

5. "Little Miss Sunshine" - Greg Kinnear, Steve Carell, Toni Collette, Alan Arkin, Paul Dano and Abigail Breslin are a heaven-sent ensemble as a family of misfits driving to California to enter young Breslin in a beauty pageant.

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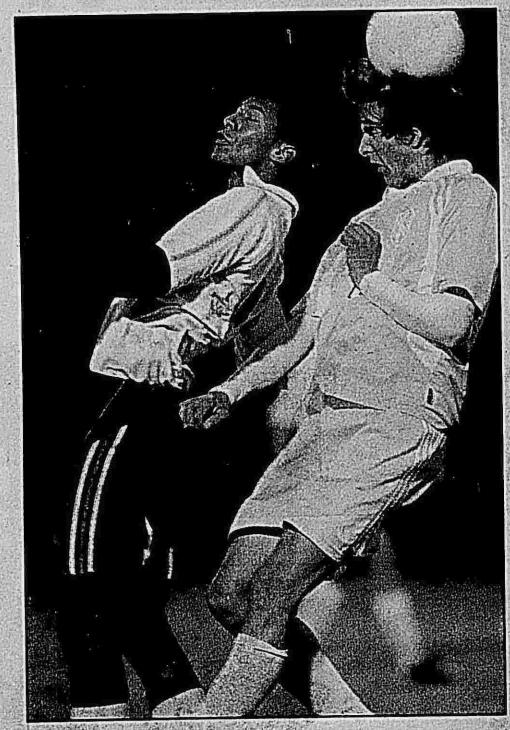
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Looking back at the year 2006 through pictures



(Top) Mundelein High School senior Arturo Rosiles goes head-to-head with Carmel's Luke Dunn during a 2-2 tie at Mundelein

(Bottom) Daniel Dunham, 5, spies on a tarantula from Tony Gustin's traveling Creepy Crawly Zoo at the Lindenhurst Early Childhood Center. Children also were able to view scorpions, beetles and millipedes during their visit.



Check out more top photographs from 2006 at www.weeklyjournals.com.



Participants from the Polar Bear Plunge race into the waters of Lake Michigan in Waukegan. Proceeds from the event go to the Special Recreation Services of Northern Lake County.

By SANDY BRESSNER sbressner@nwnewsgroup.com

2006 PHOTOS

Every day, photographers have the privilege of telling the stories of Lake County residents in the pages of the Lake County Journals.

(Top right) Two-year-old Luke Dragin, of Antioch, peeks through a pumpkin-shaped game during Millburn's Pumpkin Fest.

stage, or a child's wonder as he peeks through a pumpkin. No matter what the photograph, it tells an amazing story,

which we are honored to share with our readers each week. The photographers at the Lake County Journals are Sandy Lake County Journals' Web site, www.weeklyjournals.com.

each time they shoot a photo.

Here are a few of our favorite photos from 2006.



We try to portray ordinary people doing extraordinary Bressner, Chris Padgett, Annie Christie and Candace Johnson. things. It may be a passing moment on the way to the graduation They work hard to provide full coverage of the Lake County area

A slide show of more photos from 2006 can be found on the

(Bottom right) Emma Telling, of Libertyville, turns away from a fatal accident scene on Route 173 in Libertyville. The accident took the life of 17-year-old Carmel graduate Ryan Meinken.

(Middle right) R.J. Johnson (center) skips his way into Northwestern University's Welsh-Ryan Arena in Evanston for the 2006 Libertyville High School commencement ceremony.

Relish the American Table

Red Velvet Cake makes a velvety-smooth favorite

By JEAN KRESSY

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If you have never made Red Velvet Cake, you are in for some surprises.

To begin, you will use more you hand it over for free. red food coloring for a single recipe than most cooks use in a lifetime, and by the time the cake goes into the oven, your hands and every piece of equipment that touches the batter will temporarily be red.

When the cake is baked, it will be slightly less red, and 11/2 cups sugar once it is frosted with creamy white frosting, it will be an absolute show stopper.

According to one story, Red Velvet Cake was originally on the dessert menu at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York. In 2 tablespoons red food coloring the 1920s, a California woman 2 teaspoons baking soda ordered the cake and was so taken with it that she wrote to the hotel asking for the recipe.

The hotel chef sent it to her. along with a bill for more than \$300. Because the woman did not ask if there would be a charge 11/3 cup salted butter, softened for the recipe, or how much it would be, her lawyer advised her to pay the bill. In a case of sweet revenge, she began giving the recipe away.

.Although many Red Velvet sometimes called Waldorf-Astoria Cake or \$300 oven to 350 degrees Fahrenheit. Cake, are frosted with cream cheese frosting, our favorite version calls for an unusual buttercream frosting that starts with a milk-and-flour paste, which is beaten into the butter.

It spreads like a charm and is delicious with the soft, velvety cake. If you serve the cake to guests, someone is bound to ask for the recipe. In the spirit of sharing a good thing, we suggest

Red Velvet Cake (Serves 16)

Ingredients: Cake:

1/2 cup vegetable shortening

2 eggs

2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour 1 cup buttermilk

2 tablespoons unsweetened

2 tablespoons cider vinegar

11/3 cups 2 percent low-fat milk 7 tablespoons all-purpose flour

11/3 to 2 cups confectioners' sugar, sifted

11/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Directions:

To prepare the cake, preheat the Grease three 8-inch layer pans, or two 9-inch layer pans. Line the bottoms with wax paper.

In a mixing bowl, beat together vegetable shortening and sugar.

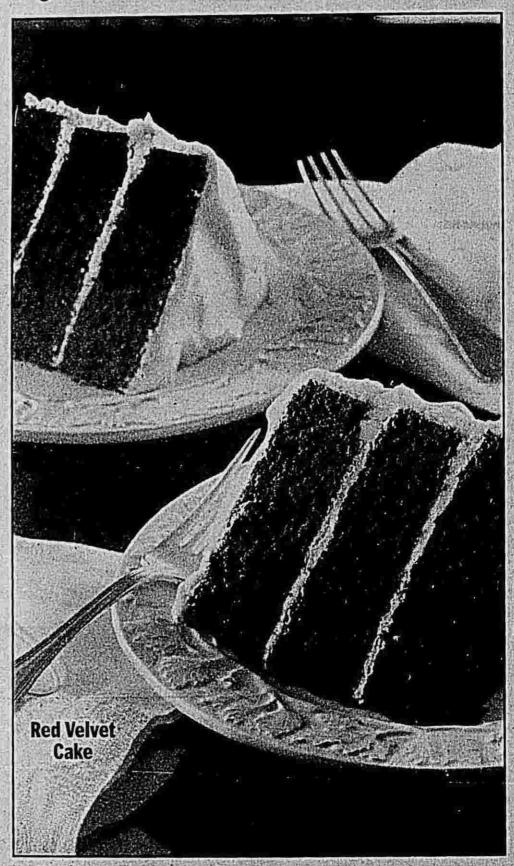
Add eggs, one at a time, beating well after each addition. Add flour alternately with buttermilk; beat until blended. In a small bowl, whisk cocoa and food coloring together with a fork until smooth; add to batter and beat until evenly blended. In same small bowl, dissolve baking soda in vinegar and beat into batter.

Pour into prepared pans and spread evenly. Bake 8-inch layers 20 minutes or 9-inch layers 25 minutes, or until a tester inserted in middle comes out clean. Cool 10 minutes in pans on wire racks. Remove cakes from pans, peel off wax paper and finish cooling on racks.

To prepare the frosting, whisk milk and flour until flour dissolves. Pour into a small saucepan. Cook and stir over low heat 2 to 3 minutes, or until thick. Cool to room temperature.

In a mixing bowl, beat butter until creamy. Gradually beat in flour mixture. Add confectioners sugar and beat until smooth and creamy; beat in vanilla. Fill and frost cake.

· Jean Kressy is a contributor with Relish Magazine. Look for Relish magazine each month in the Lake County Journals. For more Relish recipes, to sign up for a biweekly newsletter, or to leave a note on a Relish message board, log on to www.relishmag.com.



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'The Buddy Holly Story' returns to Chicago

Buddy Holly changed the world with his chart-topping songs "That'll Be The Day" and "Peggy Sue." A native of Lubbock, Texas, his untimely death on Feb. 3, 1959, is known as the day the music

In celebration of what would have been Holly's 70th birthday and the 20th anniversary of his induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame Museum, the smash-hit musical "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" will bring one of rock music's most enduring figures to life at the Mercury Theater, in Chicago.

Jan. 19. Grand opening festivities and a Saturday, Feb. 3 – the 48th anniversary of Holly's fateful plane crash in Clear Lake, Iowa. Tickets are on sale now.

In the Mercury Theater production, performance tickets cost \$26. Holly's breathtaking performances are recreated by talented Chicago musician Saturday and Sunday shows cost \$38.50. and singer Josh Solomon, a rising star who is currently working on a pop/rock shows cost \$32.50. album with his band, The Empty Pockets. A Skokie native, Solomon bears an uncanny resemblance to Holly, both onstage with his precise replication of Holly's voice, mannerisms and stage presence, as well as personally with his rapid rise and ining Jan. 2.

CHICAGO - He is an unforgettable "Buddy" Performance schedule

"Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" will be performed at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays; at 8 p.m. on Fridays; at 5 and 8:30 p.m. on Saturdays; and at 3 p.m. on Sundays, through March 11.

success in the music industry.

The production recreates two of Holly's unforgettable concerts: the Crickets appearance as the first-ever white act to take the stage at the Apollo Theatre in Harlem and Holly's final per-Preview performances begin Friday, formance at the Surf Ballroom in Clear Lake, Iowa, moments before his fatal plane press performance will take place crash (a tragedy that also claimed the lives of J.P. Richardson and Richie Valens).

The Mercury Theater is located at 3745 N. Southport Ave., in Chicago. All preview

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Dave Rosenthal (Jerry Allison), Josh Solomon (Buddy Holly) and Nate Bellon (Joe Mauldin) star in "Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story" at the Mercury Theater in Chicago. Ticket prices range from the Mercury Theater Box Office, begin- \$20 to \$38.50. Tickets are available at all Ticketmaster outlets, charge-by-phone at (312) 559-1212, or online at www.ticketmaster.com.

Detoxifying the body a great way to start the new year

Detoxifying is sure to be one of the buzzwords of 2007. The process of ridding your body of toxins like alcohol, unhealthy food and environmental pollution has been gaining popularity and acceptance among people who want to live a healthier lifestyle, as well as medical practitioners.

Detoxing can help individuals discover renewed energy and well-being, thanks to a healthier body.

In fact, Spa Finder, a leading industry magazine, has identified detoxifying as one of the top-10 spa trends for 2007. There are various methods available to detox your body, but the most effective (and perhaps most enjoyable) is sweating out these toxins in a sauna.

While you might be familiar with conventional dry saunas, there is a newer, more effective type of sauna that is worth saunas, which provide a benefi-glands. cial, but somewhat superficial frared saunas stimulate the

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According to Spa Finder, a leading industry magazine, enjoying the heat of a sauna might be the most relaxing and fun way to sweat out toxins and obtain a healthier body.

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weight this year, you'll be interbody at the cellular level to help trates human tissue and causes ested to know that far infrared

rid the body of toxins stored an activation of thermal energy, light also stimulates the circulatory system, causing the heart to beat more vigorously and blood vessels to dilate, which helps cleanse the circulatory If you've resolved to lose system and more fully oxygenate the body's cells, increasing metabolism.

Dr. Mark Hyman, author of "UltraMetabolism," and editorin-chief of Alternative Therapies in Health and Medicine, has seen the benefits of far infrared saunas firsthand.

"Sunlight Saunas improves circulation, helps with weight loss, balances blood sugar, lowers blood pressure and improves detoxification," he said in a release. "I own and recommend Sunlight Saunas to my patients as a way to live a healthier inestyle.

The saunas use exclusive Solocarbon heater technology, with the largest heater available for maximum benefits. Sleek, modern and beautiful, Sunlight Saunas are designed to fit into any décor, indoors or out.

They're perfect for pool areas, the deck, or the backyard. You can even set the sauna up indoors for the ultimate spa experiènce at home.

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Reviewing the great, terrible movies that filled the screen in 2006

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The ending ought to be the most offensive scene of the year, but instead it is an unexpected mix of savage satire and personal triumph. This brilliant ending elevates "Little Miss Sunshine" from quirky indie comedy to a compassionate tribute to outcasts.

6. "Tsotsi" - In this South African film, a murderous teenage thug (Presley Chweneyagae) finds a baby in a car he steals. Instead of abandoning the child, he tries to take care of it, teaching himself and the audience lessons in humanity.

Chweneyagae's expressive face is the power behind writer-director Gavin Hood's meditation on redemption.

7. "Stranger Than Fiction" -As if it's not bad enough that Will Ferrell realizes he is a fictional character in Emma Thompson's next book, he soon discovers she kills him off at the end. This existential comedy may not be as deep as screenwriter Charlie Kaufman's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind," but it is more moving.

8. "Monster House" - The year that other animation houses broke Pixar's monopoly on quality computer-animated films brought many pleasures. "Happy Feet" is the most inventive, "Flushed Away" is the funniest and Pixar's "Cars" the most beautiful. But "Monster House" is the complete package, a children's horror movie that isn't afraid to scare kids. Just a little.

9. "Akeelah and the Bee" -The relationship between newcomer Keke Palmer as a spelling phenom and Laurence Fishburne as her strict coach is the heart of this beautiful story that aims to prove competition doesn't have to be cutthroat.

10. "Letters From Iwo Jima" -Clint Eastwood's follow-up to "Flags of Our Fathers" would be the more conventional World War II movie, except its heroes are Japanese.

Ken Watanabe ("The Last Samurai") gives a soulful performance as the commander in charge of Iwo Jima, waiting for the Americans to invade.

Worst films of 2006

Throw a giant asterisk atop

this list of the year's worst

At the outset of 2006, studios decided to shield dozens of films from bad reviews by not screening them for critics.

Before 2006, maybe six films a year wouldn't be screened for critics, but this year it wasn't unusual for six films a month to be withheld from viewing.

So, not that I'm complaining, but I may not have seen the 10 worst films of 2006.

Had I seen "Deck the Halls," or "Van Wilder: The Rise of Taj," or "Saw III," this list might be completely different.

But I did see at least 10 lousy films this year, and here are the worst in reverse order:

10. "Déjà Vu" - Not even Denzel Washington's innate intelligence can save a thriller based on the dopey premise of federal agents trying to solve a terrorist bombing with a machine that looks four days back into the past.

9. "Strangers With Candy" -Smart people (Amy Sedaris, Stephen Colbert) making fun of uneducated people is condescension at its slimiest.

8. "Basic Instinct 2" - The most undesired sequel of the year. No. Sharon Stone doesn't do that thing with her legs again.

7. "Freedomland" - Marked by a horrible performance from Julianne Moore, this tired story of racist cops targeting an African-American housing project has all the cultural relevance of a guide to solving Rubik's Cube.

6. "The Good Shepherd" -Nothing compelling happens for three hours in the dullest spy movie ever.

5. "Perfume: The Story of a Murderer" - Basically a 1980s slasher movie filmed as a European art-house epic.

4. "Lady in the Water" - In his latest horror movie, writer-director M. Night Shyamalan's ego grows to the size of Godzilla and stomps the life out a talented cast, led by Paul Giamatti.

3. "Click" - When will Adam Sandler realize the pent-up anger he gives his characters makes them loathsome, not lovable?

This is supposed to be a secular "A Christmas Carol," but unlike the abusive jerk Sandler plays, Ebenezer Scrooge earned his redemption.

2. "Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus" - Not finding the real life of 1950s photogra-



Matt Damon and Angelina Jolie star as husband and wife in "The Good Shepherd." Movie critic Jeffrey Westhoff listed the film as the No. 6 worst movie of 2006.



Photo provided

Jessica Biel (pictured) and Samuel L. Jackson stare as soldiers overseas in "Home of the Brave." Movie critic Jeffrey Westhoff listed the film as the No. 1 worst movie of 2006.

pher Arbus (Nicole Kidman) interesting enough, director Steven Shainberg puts her in a psychosexual fairy tale where she has an affair with a sideshow performer (Robert Downey Jr.) who looks like the

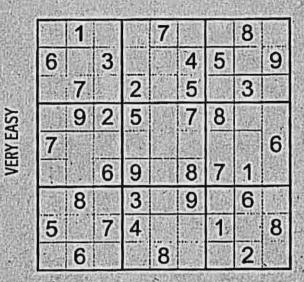
Wolf Man. Pretentious and icky.

1. "Home of the Brave" - Iraqi war veterans Samuel L. Jackson and Jessica Biel return to the states, but cannot readjust to civilian life in this

overwrought drama from director Irwin Winkler.

Imagine if "The Best Years of Our Lives" or "Coming Home" had been written and directed by Ed Wood. It's that bad.

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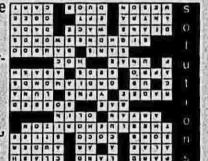
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AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Take responsibility for your actions, Aquarius. If you don't take time to think before you act, your actions can have unpleasant consequences.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

The effort must come from you this' week, Pisces. You'll be surprised at your success.

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Life's all about taking the bitter with the sweet. Not many things will go right for you over the next few days, but don't worry.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

What happens this week will not only be a surprise, but a shock as well. However, that may not be such a bad thing.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Don't push yourself so hard. You've lost yourself in the details.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22 The progress you've made during recently may come to halt over the next few days.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

You've been under a lot of pressure lately Leo, but the trial has made you stronger.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Slow down and take stock of what you're doing, Virgo.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Things may be turned upside down this week, but don't panic, Libra.

SCORPIO - OCT 24/NOV 22

Do you feel you're stuck in a rut, Scorpio? It's only natural.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

It's going to be a trying week, Sagittarius. Now's a good time to reflect.



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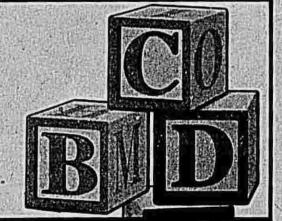
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> NO 05 P 734 CLAIM NOTICE

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address is: 2703 Gilead, Zion, Illinois, 60099, and his attorney is Daniel K. Sinclair, 4170 Old Grand Avenue, Gurnee, Illinois 60031.

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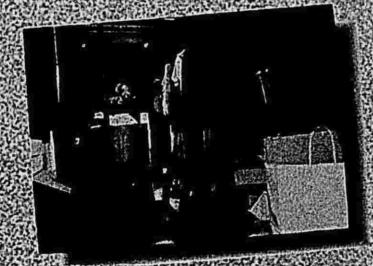
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Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Carla Thurman, 258 Lippincott Lane, #2, Fox Lake, IL 60020, 847-587-

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/s/Carla Thurman December 7, 2006 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 7th day of December, 2006

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Wendy Cosmo Notary Public Received: Dec. 15, 2006 Willard R. Hellander Lake County Clerk Published In the Lake County Journals, Decem-ber 29, 2006, January 5 &

12, 2007.)

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ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business: Blue Sky Farm Nature/Purpose: Horse training, riding instruction.

Address(es) where business is to be conducted or transacted in this county: 31668 N. River Rd., Lib ertyville, IL 60045.

Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

Katherine Woodward, P.O. Box 427, Grayslake, L'60030.

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/s/Katherine Woodward December 12, 2006 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 12th day of

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Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting business:

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as shown. /s/Terry O'Hara December 18, 2006 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 18th day of

the business is/are correct

December, 2006. OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Miriam Perez Notary Public Received: Dec. 19, 2006 Willard R. Hellander Lake County Clerk (Published in the Lake County Journals, December 22, 29, 2006 and January 5th, 2007.)

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Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting Russell A. Marquardt 40161 N. West Shore Dr.

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/s/Russell A. Marquardt December 20, 2006 The foregoing Instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 20th day of November, 2006.

OFFICIAL SEAL /s/ Claudia C. Rodriguez Notary Public Received: Dec. 20, 2006 Willard R. Hellander Lake County Clerk (Published in the Lake County Journals, December January 5, 12 & 19, 2007.)

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ASSUMED BUSINESS NAME APPLICATION

Name of Business: and L Electric Nature/Purpose: Small Electrical Work Address(es) where business is to be conducted or

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212 W. Hawthorne Blvd., Mundelein, IL 60060 Name(s) and post office or residence address(es) of the person(s) owning, conducting or transacting

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/s/Thomas R. Ludwick /s/ Lorraine A. Ludwick November 24, 2007. The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me by the person(s) intending to conduct the business this 24th day of November, 2006.

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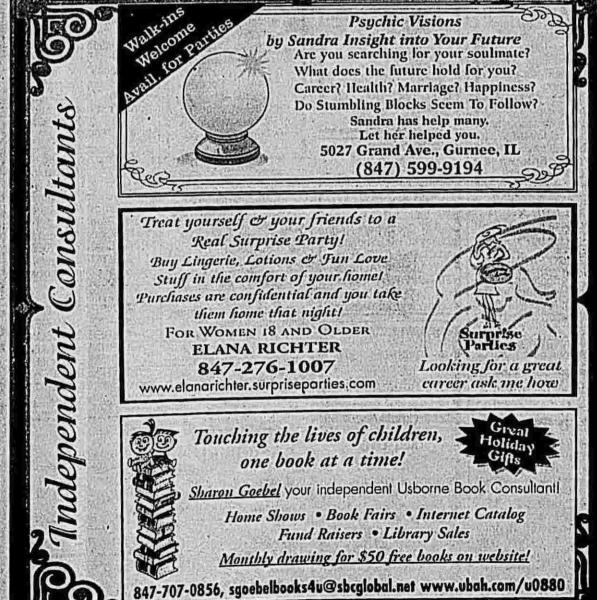
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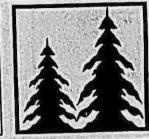


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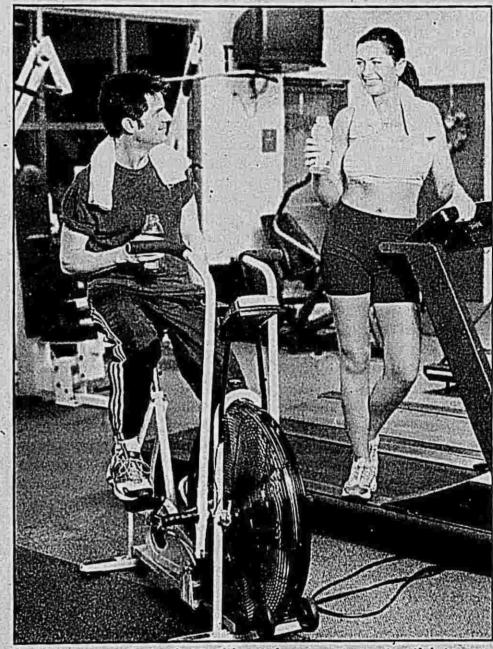
workouts don't involve isolating specific muscles each day (where Monday you'll work vated throughout your worksolely triceps and back, out.

Year in, year out, scores of Tuesday legs and chest, etc.) and less strenuous, then you're per week, perhaps before work For many, the gym and instead of after. Also, go in reworkout. Muscles get used to the same work every day, so if tine at the same time, you'll find your workouts are less efand your mind, which will be

• Play sports: Workouts office has a company softball team, join it. Or if there's a local basketball league you can join, consider that as well. Such teams should not replace a good workout routine (as they likely won't feature more For those who feel they'll than a game or two per week), ment to trips to the gym. Also, getting out in the fresh air can help improve your state of mind.

 Go outdoors: Many state along the trails you can walk. • Get a partner: Many people While these don't include weights, they have stations for pull-ups, situps, stretching air can be very rejuvenating as

 Incorporate music: Many exercise enthusiasts find that music is a perfect complement to go by a lot faster when you're your own playlist specifically · Mix things up: If your for working out, loading it with music you know will get you pumped up and keep you moti-



Finding a partner to workout with can be a great way to stick to your schedule and stay motivated.

Did you know?

Frivolous lawsuits are playing a significant role in the quality of American healthcare. As physicians' malpractice premiums continue to rise, many physicians, citing exorbitant insurance fees, are retiring earlier and earlier, leading to a decline in the quality of healthcare. That decline is most notable in more rural areas, where populations are smaller and there are fewer specialists available. costing many rural residents access to qualified specialists. According to a 2006 study conducted by Stanford University professor Daniel P. Kessler, J.D., Ph.D., increased malpractice claims costs are the primary force behind escalating insurance premiums for physicians. Many times, money spent on malpractice lawsuits does not even end up in the plaintiff's hands. Rather, the bulk of the costs are in defending the lawsuits. In Tennessee, for instance, nearly 88 percent of closed malpractice claims in 2004 resulted in no money being rewarded to the plaintiffs. However, defending the lawsuits cost more than \$16 million. While Tennessee's rate of meritless lawsuits is abnormally high, the national average is 70 percent, according to the Physician Insurers Association of America (PIAA). In fact, the PIAA found that only seven percent of all malpractice lawsuits ever make it to trial, with 80 percent of those eventually ruling in favor of the defendant.

Fire departments spread word on carbon monoxide

By STEVE PETERSON

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You can't see it, smell it, but when it is time and potential harm. there, in sufficient quantities, it might even death.

It is carbon monoxide (CO) and it is present when fossil fuels and/or wood and paper products are burned.

Each year in the U.S., more than 200 people die and thousands more are sickened by accidental exposure to CO gas.

bon monoxide poisoning include dizziness, nausea, headache, coughing, irregular heartbeat and pale skin with cherry red lips and ear tips. These are often confused with similar signs and symptoms monoxide, are exempt. that might be present in influenza, food

that similarity, victims delay seeking Fire Chief Rich Tobiasz. treatment, increasing their exposure

Carbon monoxide detectors will sense make you sick, cause unconsciousness or elevated levels and alert residents in a manner similar to smoke detectors. The device can cost between \$20 and \$50 and should be installed within 15 feet of any 4 through 10 as "Carbon Monoxide sleeping area.

The Illinois General Assembly has passed a law requiring carbon monoxide detectors, as of Jan. 1, in all buildings According to McHenry County Fire that contain sleeping facilities. Single Chiefs Association, symptoms of the car- family residents are included. Buildings that do not rely on the combustion of fossil fuel for heat, ventilation, hot water or cooking, or are not connected to an enclosed garage or other source of carbon gestions:

poisoning or other illness. Because of gotten so much better," said Spring Grove structions.

the village have been notified as well as having the new rules printed in the village newsletter.

Gov. Rod Blagojevich proclaimed Dec. Detector Awareness Week" to call attention to the new law.

The McHenry County Fire Chiefs and MABAS Division 5 Fire and Rescue Departments have joined the governor promote this new life saving law.

In addition to installing a CO detector, the Fire Chiefs make the following sug-range or dryer.

"The technology has caught up and stalled according to manufacturer's in- or windows.

Have your furnace and fireplace Fox Lake Building Commissioner Bill checked annually. Cracked heat ex-Hart said that all registered rentals in changes and blocked flues might permit CO to leak into your house.

> Warm your car outside your garage. Levels might build up inside the garage, even if the door is open. When you open the door to the house, the CO may be pulled inside.

Never cook with charcoal or use portable fuel burning heaters inside the home, garage, vehicle or tent.

Never run small engines, for example, and the State Fire Marshal's Office to electric generators inside the house, basement or garage.

Never heat your home with the oven,

Never operate unvented fuel-burning Make sure your appliances are in- appliances in any room with closed doors

Letters to the Editor

Thanks for the help

To the Editor:

I would like to publicly thank the office of Adeline Geo-Karis and a member of her staff, Mary.

On Dec. 11, I was attempting to help my daughter who had registered for a state licensure exam after graduating from the Chicago School of Massage Therapy in September. The test was scheduled for Dec. 12 at the Lombard testing center. My daughter paid all of the required fees and prepared for the test since October 2006.

A few days before the test she received an e-mail stating the test was cancelled and would be rescheduled in January. A phone number was not included.

My daughter was working full time, so I called the office of professional regulation and licensure in Springfield and was transferred to numerous office numbers and staff.

After more than an hour of phone calls, no one was aware of when or why the test was rescheduled or who the mystery person was that would know the answer to my question. My daughter will begin classes at Loyola University right after the holidays in January, and the rescheduled test would take place during the beginning of her semester.

I called the office of Adeline Geo-Karis, and her staff member, Mary, listened to my entire story and said she would call me back. A few hours later she shared the difficulties she experienced trying to get information for me. She did give me

the name and phone number of the National Certification Board, and advised that my daughter should be able to rescheduled that afternoon for the next day, Dec. 12, the original date of the exam. The reason for the cancellation of that exam was technical difficulties.

Without the help of Mary, my daughter would not have had the opportunity of taking and passing this exam, and now, she will be able to complete her education at Loyola University. Thank you for your help.

Janice Wojak Grayslake

Good for Antioch

To the Editor:

I have read quite a lot of negative things about the proposed new Aquatic Center in Antioch.

I live in the subdivision that is directly next to this proposed facility. I see this facility as a wonderful asset to not only our small subdivision, but also to the entire town of Antioch.

Some of the objections I have heard are about the noise to our subdivision, the location to handicapped people, the liability issues and the cost of the facility on our tax bills.

I don't know what they mean by noise: Children laughing and playing, perhaps, or people talking as they take a stroll through the park. Do they think the village will have the Aquatic Center open into the wee hours of the night?

Is there an ideal location for this facility that would not present an issue to the handicapped people, or elderly people wanting to get to the park or pool?

Is there not a liability issue no matter where the aquatic center might be built?

Is there not a tax issue no matter where it is built?

When we bought our lot in the Arbors, we were immediately told that a portion of the land was already set aside for the village to establish a park. If I didn't want to live close to a park, I should not have had a home built in this location.

I have a lot of respect for not. only the mayor's office and the Village Board, but also for our Parks Department. They would never propose something that would not be an asset to the community.

Why do people always look at the negatives rather than the positives? Why do they always look at what could go wrong rather than what might go right? We can second guess and worry ourselves to death concerning all the negative what-ifs.

I see this facility as a wonderful benefit to our health. A walk in the park, oh, how calming and relaxing An indoor pool could be used year round; is there anything healthier than swimming?

None of our local schools have indoor swimming pools. It would be wonderful if our schools could offer swim teams as part of the curriculum, or at the least swim lessons. We live in an area surrounded by

lakes, and it is imperative that our little ones learn to swim. I think it would be great to have an indoor pool where this task could be accomplished year round.

I hope the village moves forward with their plans, as soon as possible, because I would love to take swim lessons there, would love to join the fitness center, would love to walk in the park, would love to take my grandchildren there, etc.

I do not know if I am of the majority, nor do I care. Surely other residents in our town and the township see this proposed facility as an asset – make your voices be heard.

Liz Schmehl

Resident of the Arbors of Windmill Creek /Antioch

School funding

To the Editor:

long advocated for substantive change in the way we fund public education in Illinois. The league thinks the current tax structure is seriously flawed, rendering the state incapable of living up to its constitutional mandate for primary financing responsibility of our schools. This shortfall in state dollars, along with our over-reliance on property taxes for funding schools, has led Illinois to become the state with the second largest funding gap between affluent and low-income districts.

The time for legislative action to provide for more reliable and equitable funding is long overdue. A

drastic overhaul of our tax structure appears to have the only promise for ensuring schools in all districts of the state have the resources needed to prepare students to compete for jobs in a global economy.

The League of Women Voters of Lake County invites readers to join us in our call for education reform. We face a vexing problem that is not going away. Please contact your state representative and state senator to urge them to be part of the solution.

Sally Zeit

Director, League of Women Voters of Lake County

Sharing works two ways

To the Editor:

It seems to me with all of the news that I am reading about a TIF The League of Women Voters has on the proposed Village Green property, it comes across that Lindenhurst is putting itself on a very lonely island. The effects of this development on the surrounding communities and schools are not even being considered. The strain of property taxes and failed referendums are all too well known to the people of Lake County.

A TIF will cause the schools to suffer and property taxes to rise, therefore, if this passes, I will not be spreading my wealth to Lindenhurst and will encourage my neighbors to do the same.

G. Burger Grayslake

FRANK WILLIAM POLANZI

Born: Sept. 11, 1926 Died: Dec. 25. 2006 Owned and operated the Oakton Barbershop in Skokie

FOX LAKE—Frank William Polanzi, age 80 of Fox Lake, died at home on. Dec. 25, 2006. He was born in Chicago to Sam and Mary (nee Pungitore) Polanzi and was a veteran of the U.S. Navy having served during WWII. He formerly owned and operated the Oakton Barbershop in Skokie for 54 years. He enjoyed golf, dancing, skating, and sports, but most of all, enjoyed his family.

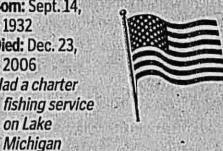
He is survived by his sons, Michael (Christine) Polanzi of McHenry; Craig Polanzi of Hawaii; grandchildren; great-grandchildren; and two sisters. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Delores (nee Berger) and by his brother.

Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Dec. 29 at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (the Chapel on the Lake). The funeral was held at 10 a.m., Dec. 30 at the funeral home. Chapel interment took place at noon at St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery in Palatine. Please sign the

Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

CHARLES OLEN PEACE

Bom: Sept. 14, 1932 Died: Dec. 23, 2006 Had a charter fishing service



INGLESIDE—Charles Olen Peace, age 74 of Ingleside, died Saturday, Dec. 23, 2006 at his residence. Charles was born in Chicago to Charles and Virginia (Davis) Peace. He married Margaret "Peg" Miller on April 1, 1977. He was the proprietor of CP Flooring in Mount Prospect. Charles had a charter fishing service on Lake Michigan and was known at the harbor as "Captain Charlie." He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War as a sergeant.

Survivors include his wife and best friend, Peg; a son, Mark Peace; Adopted children, James (Nadine) Miller of Elgin, Steve (Katy) Miller of Lake in the Hills, Gregg (Helen) Miller of Wauconda, Nicole Miller of Schaumburg, Jennifer (Alan Perkins) Tones of Crystal Lake; adopted grandchildren; his sisters; and many other

Cremation Services

relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister: a brother-in-law and a niece.

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The visitation was from 4 to 8:15 p.m., Dec. 26 at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home. A prayer service was held at 8:15 p.m., Dec. 26 in the funeral home. Inurnment was private. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

JEFFREY JOEL KONITZER

Born: May 19, 1967 **Died:** Dec. 21, 2006 Loved hunting, fishing and the outdoors

EVANS, WASH.—Jeffrey Joel Konitzer, age 39 of Evans, Wash., formerly of Antioch, passed away suddenly, Dec. 21, 2006 in Colville, Wash. from injuries received in an auto acci- He was born in Deerfield, and had redent. He was born in Waukegan, the son of the late Aloysius G. Jr. and Judith (Henderson) Konitzer. Jeff graduated from Antioch High School and worked as a carpenter in construction.

Survivors include three children. Jeffrey Pierce of Antioch, Joel Konitzer of Lindenhurst; and Jordan Konitzer of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; his grandmother; two brothers; and two sisters.

A memorial visitation was held

from 4 to 7 p.m., Jan. 2, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a family memorial. Please sign the Guest Book at

www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ALBERT 'WILLIE' KINDER

1921 Died: Dec. 2. 2006 Was a U.S. Army veteran, served in Iran during WWII

Born: May 26,

LIBERTYVILLE—Albert "Willie" Kinder, age 85, a former resident of Libertyville, passed away suddenly, Saturday, Dec. 2, 2006 in Mesa, Ariz. tired to Mesa, Ariz. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served in Iran during WWII. Willie was a former 50year employee of the Hough Co/International Harvestor Corp. in Libertyville, enjoyed bowling, golfing and was proud of his hole-in-one.

Surviving are his nieces, Martha Rintoul of Bollingbrook and Agnes (michael) Kerwin of Cary; nephew, Wayne (Sandy) Rintoul of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.; great nieces and nephews; and great-great-nieces and nephew. He was preceded in death by his parents, Martha Kuyath and Duard Kinder/ by his sister, Laverne Rintoul and grandparents, Albert and Augusta Hagi.

Private services were held from the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville with interment at Northshore Garden of Memories in North Chicago. Please sign the Guest Book at

www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

BERNARD 'BUD' WILLETT

Born: Dec. 26, 1926 Died: Dec. 31, 2006 Owned and operated Willett Trucking



ANTIOCH—Bernard "Bud" Willett, age 80 of Antioch, passed away Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006 at his home. He was born Dec. 26, 1926 in Antioch, the son of the late Raymond and Alvina (Techert) Willett. He had been a life long resident and served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He owned and operated Willett Trucking and was the first garbage collector in Antioch. On April 7, 1958 he married

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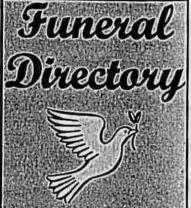
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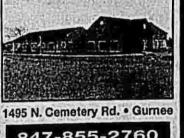
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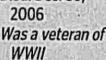
Betty Lou "Louie" Conway in Antioch and she preceded him in death on July 2, 1984.

Survivors include his daughter, Cindy Lee "Squeak" (James) Kuechle of Antioch; his two grandchildren, Sarina "Punkan" and Tristan "Spike;" his sisters and brothers, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his four siblings and a brother-in-

The funeral was held at 7 p.m., Jan. 4, at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch, with the visitation starting at 4 p.m. Interment was private. Those desiring may make contributions to Condell Hospice or St. Jude's Hospital in his memory. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

WARREN P. 'BUD' **ERICKSEN**

Born: Nov. 19, 1922 Died: Dec. 30,



ANTIOCH—Warren P. 'Bud' Ericksen, age 84 of Antioch, passed away at his home on Dec. 30, 2006. He was born on Nov. 19, 1922, the son of the late Paul and Louise Ericksen. He was a veteran of WWII, serving in the U.S. Navy, stationed at Deland, Fla. A carpenter by trade, he was a member of the Carpenters! Union. On Aug.8, 1944 he married his wife, Phyllis, who passed away on Sept. 30, 1974.

He is survived by his children, Paul (Alice) of Oregon, Rick (Helen) of Mississippi, Glen (Dawn) of Dekalb, and Wendy (Ron) Tumminello of Lindenhurst; his grandchildren; his great grandchildren; his sisters. He was preceded in death by his wife, Phyllis, his second wife, Linda and his sister, Margie Yopp.

The funeral was held at 10 a.m., on Jan. 4, at Ringa Funeral Home in Lake Villa, with Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiating. Interment was at Home Oak Cemetery in Lake Villa. Visitation was Jan. 3, from 4 to 8 p.m. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

PAUL J. BARTELL JR.

Born: April 10, 1954 Died: Dec. 26, 2006 He was a loyal Green Bay Packers football fan

SPRING GROVE—Paul J. Bartell Jr.,

age 52 of Spring Grove, formerly of Fox Lake, died at his home on Dec. 26, 2006: He was born April 10, 1954 in Waukegan to Paul and Marie (nee Caynes) Bartell. He worked as a heavy equipment operator, employed with Countryside Landfill Company.

Survivors include his wife, Nancy (nee Pauly) Bartell; two sons, Paul M. and Christopher Bartell, both of Antioch; grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul J. Bartell Sr. and his mother, Marie Bartell.

Visitation was held on Jan. 2 at the K. K. Hamsher Funeral Home in Fox Lake (The Chapel on the Lake). The funeral was held at 7 p.m. with Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiating. Interment was private. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

KENNETH MICHAEL WESTERMANN

Born: March 28, 1982 Died: Dec. 29, 2006 He enjoyed fishing and golf



PORTSMOUTH, VA.—Kenneth Michael Westermann, age 24 of Portsmouth, Va., and formerly of Ingleside, died Friday, Dec. 29, 2006 at Maryview Medical Center in Portsmouth, Va. Born March 28, 1982 in Henderson, Nev., Ken was raised in Ingleside and attended Big Hollow Elementary School where he was very active in basketball and wrestling. He was a 2000 graduate of Grant High School. After high school, he joined the U.S. Army and served two years, of which he spent six months in Kosovo. After being discharged from the Army, he returned to the the Ingleside area, later moving to Portsmouth, Va., to be closer to his family. He was employed as a welder for a manufacturer of tow truck vehicles. He enjoyed fishing and golf.

Survivors include two children, Mia and Joey Westermann; his parents, Doug and Vicky Westermann of Portsmouth, Va.; a sister, Christina (Brian) Husk of Round Lake Heights; a brother, Ken B. Westermann of Madison, Wis.; one niece and two nephews; paternal grandmother, Connie Westermann of Burlington, Wis.; and paternal grandfather. Ken R. Westermann of Zephyrhills, Fla. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. William Mullenix Sr.

Visitation was from noon until 2 p.m. on Jan. 4 at Justen's Round Lake Funeral Home The funeral service

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was at 2 p.m. on Jan. 4 at the funeral home, with Rev. Lisle Kauffman officiating. Interment was in Grant Cemetery in Ingleside. For those wishing to send an expression of condolence, memorials to the American Lung Association of Illinois and Iowa, 1749 W. Naperville Road, Grayslake, IL 60030, would be appreciated by the family. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.justenfh.com. Please sign the **Guest Book at** www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

LOIS B. HATLEY MORALES

Born: Nov. 22, 1936 Died: Dec. 27, 2006 Was a member of the Senior Citizens Club

WAUKEGAN—Lois B. Hatley Morales, age 70 of Waukegan, died on Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006 at Vista Medical Center East in Waukegan. She was a lifelong resident of Waukegan. Prior to her retirement she had worked as a medical instrument technician at Victory Memorial Hospital.

Lois is survived by her brother, Earl (Gayle) Hatley of Randolph, N.J.; three nephews, Aaron Hatley of Maryland, Adrian and Shane Hatley of New Jersey and their families; also by two cousins. She was preceded in death by her husband, Gregory Morales; and parents, Thurman and Margaret (nee Lenik) Hatley.

The funeral was held at 11 a.m., Jan. 3, at Peterson & Patch Funeral Home in Waukegan. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Friends called at the funeral home on Jan. 3 from 10 a.m. until the time of service.

JOSEPHINE KUSSMANN (Nee HILGART)

Born: March 27, 1913 Died: Dec. 31, 2006 Was a homemaker

GURNEE—Josephine Kussmann (nee Hilgart), age 93 of Gurnee, passed away at her son's Gurnee residence on Dec. 31, 2006. Born in Chicago on March 27, 1913, she was a homemaker.

Beloved wife of the late Erwin "Erch" Kussmann; mother of Robert (JoAnn) Kussmann of Lake Villa. Steven (Laury) Kussmann of Gurnee. Donald (Mary) Kussmann of Edison Park; grandmother of eight; greatgrandmother of 11 and sister of Ruth Borkowski. She was preceded in death by her husband, Erwin in 1994.

The funeral was held at M.J. Suerth Funeral Home in Chicago at 11 a.m., Jan. 4 with Chaplain Katy Scott

of Heartland Hospice officiating. Visitation was on Jan. 3, from 2 to 9 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment was at Memory Gardens Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Heartland Hospice Services, 49 Sherwood Terrace, Ste. N. Lake Bluff, IL 60044. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ROBERT J. BERRY SR.

Born: Dec. 3, 1939 Died: Dec. 30, 2006 He started the Warren United Blazers Soccer club in 1972

GURNEE—Robert J. Berry Sr., age 67 of Gurnee, died Dec. 30, 2006 in Waukegan. He was a mechanical engineer at Paslode Tools and loved to grow roses.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn (nee Ryan); his mother-in -law, Mary Ryan; his children, Robert (Dawn) Berry Jr., Diana (Bert) Gibson, Christine Berry, Kathleen Berry, Patrick Berry, Amy (Matthew) King and Michael Berry; his brothers; a sister; a sister-in-law and many other relatives and friends.

Visitation was on Jan. 3 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee and Jan. 4 from 9 to 10 a.m. at St. Dismas Church in Waukegan, followed by a mass at 10 a.m. Burial was at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

SGT. JASON C. DENFRUND

Died: Dec. 25. 2006 Was killed while supporting Operation Iragi Freedom



was killed while supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was on a dismounted patrol when he was struck by an improvised explosive device, on Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 2006, southwest of Baghdad, Iraq. Jason was assigned to the 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry) in Fort Drum. N.Y. He was assigned to Company B, 2nd Battalion, "Golden Dragons," 14th Infantry Regiment. Jason grew up in Cattaraugus, N.Y., where he played football. Jason enlisted in the Army in June 2001 and completed basic and advanced training at Fort Benning, Ga. His first duty assignment was in the 2nd Battalion, 2nd Infantry Brigade at Rose Barracks in Vilseck, Germany, Jason

was assigned to Fort Drum in December 2003.

He was previously deployed to the Balkans and this was his third tour to Iraq. His awards and decorations include, the Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Kosovo Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, Army Service Ribbon, NATO Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Infantry Badge and the Driver Badge.

Jason is survived by his wife, Melissa (Sanzone); daughter, Chloe; and a son, Jayden, of Gurnee.

Visitation was on Jan. 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Jan. 5 at St. Patrick Church in Wadsworth, with burial following at Fort Sheridan Cemetery. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

DARIUS CHRISTOPHER COLEMAN

Born: May 25, 1994 Died: Dec. 25, 2006 He attended Neal Math & Science Academy in North Chicago

NORTH CHICAGO—Darius Christopher Coleman, age 12 of North Chicago, passed away on Monday, Dec. 25, 2006 after a strong and courageous battle with a lengthy illness. Darius had a great passion for WWE wrestling, football, music and dancing.

He is survived by his parents, Rodney "Puma" Coleman of North Chicago, Jessica Moore-Barnett, Maurice Kenny "Stretch" Barnett of North Chicago; two sisters, Alexis and Kristin of North Chicago; three step-sisters, Tatiana of North Carolina, Ashanti and Keshayla of North Chicago; grandparents; uncles; GURNEE—Sqt. Jason C. Denfrund, aunts: and many other relatives and special friends.

Special thanks to the staff at Midwest Care of Lake County, Children's Memorial Hospital of Chicago, Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Barnett Family, North Shore Garden of Memories. Preceding him in death is his maternal grandmother, Betty Moore; three uncles; and one cousin.

* The funeral was held on Jan. 3 at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m. at Mt. Sinai Institutional Baptist Church in North Chicago with Pastor Gerald Wilcoxon officiating. Interment was at North Shore Garden of Memories Cemetery in North Chicago. Professional services were handled by the Westgate Funerals in

Waukegan. Pléase sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

ROGER K. SILVIA

Born: June 24, 1942 Died: Dec. 27, 2006 Was an Air Force veteran



WAUKEGAN—Roger K. Silvia, age 64 of Waukegan, died Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2006. He was born in Pawtucket, R.I., to the late Calixto P. Silvia Sr. and Charity (Hicks) Silvia. He was an Air Force veteran who served his country for four years. He worked at Carson Pirie Scott as a sales manager.

Roger is survived by his wife of almost 30 years, Hilda; mother, Charity Silvia of Pawtucket, R.I.; one son, Roger Perry, Providence, R.I.; four daughters, Sonja (Andre) Silvia-Lee, of Tucker, Ga., Kristen Silvia-Finch, Brockton, Mass., Jennifer (Keelan) Jones of Beach Park, Kadena Pena of Providence, R.I.; four grandchildren; a brother; two sisters; and many other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Calixto P. Silvia Sr.; grandparents and several aunts and uncles.

The funeral was held on Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at Greater Faith Church-Baptist in Waukegan, with Pastor C.L. White officiating. Friends greeted the family from 6 p.m. until the time of service at the church. He was laid to rest at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Zion on Jan. 5 at 10 a.m. Arrangements were handled by the Bradshaw & Range Funeral Home in Waukegan. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

DOROTHY M. DIXON

Born: July 28, 1930 Died: Dec. 31, 2006 Enjoyed reading and gardening

ANTIOCH—Dorothy M. Dixon, age 76 of Antioch, passed away Sunday, Dec. 31, 2006 at Rolling Hills Manor Zion. She was born in Fleming County, Ky., the daughter of the late Preston and Stella (Hamm) Hamilton. In May of 1946, she married Charles Hull and he preceded her in death in November of 1960. In February of 1963, she married Robert Dixon and he preceded her in death in February of 1993.

Survivors include her seven children, Joyce (Rick) Pedersen of Grayslake, Sue (Lyle)Ferris of

Antioch, Brenda (Shawn) Hoffmann of Lake Villa, Lynn (Nick) Cheronis of Northbrook, Chuck Hull of Antioch, Stella "Tina" Hull of Antioch and James Robert Hull (Nancy Johnston) of Twin Lakes, Wis.; her two sisters; two brothers; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a greatgreat-grandchild. She was preceded in death by her brother; a sister; a nephew, her daughter-in-law, Renee, and a sister-in-law.

The funeral was held at 2 p.m., Jan. 4 at the Strang Funeral Home of Antioch. Interment followed in Hillside Cemetery in Antioch. Visitation was at the funeral home on Jan. 3 from 4 to 8 p.m. Those desiring may make contributions the the American Cancer Society in her memory. Please sign the Guest Book at

TOMASA FIGUEROA (nee SANTIAGO)

www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

Born: Dec. 30, 1933 Died: Dec. 28, 2006 Born in Puerto Rico

WAUKEGAN—Tomasa Figueroa (nee Santiago), age 72 of Waukegan, died Dec. 28, 2006 at Vista Medical Center in Waukegan. She was born Dec. 30, 1933 in Puerto Rico to Fernando and Providencia (nee Ortiz) Santiago.

She is survived by her 10 children, Angel (Ida) Figueroa of Puerto Rico, Zoraida Rios of Zion, Elizabeth Pagan of Waukegan, Angle (Hector) Colon of Beach Park, Ferdinand (Barb) Figueroa of Ingleside, Geraldo (Diane) Figueroa of Racine, Wis., Marical Figueroa of Waukegan, Edgardo (Dilcia) Figueroa of Zion, Rosin (Michael) Borland of Waukegan, Ivette (Franklin) Unda of Waukegan; a brother, Vicitacion Santiago; sisters, Josefina Santiago and Carmen Santiago, all of Puerto Rico; 36 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; and many other relatives and friends. Her husband Angel R. Figueroa preceded her in death. . . by her husband of 49 years, Anton

Visitation was on Jan. 2 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Warren Funeral Home in ers and a sister. Gurnee. The Funeral Mass was held at 10 a.m., Jan. 3 at Holy Family Parish celebrated on Jan. 2 at 12:30 p.m. at in Waukegan, with Father Gary Graf officiating. Interment was at Warren Cemetery in Gurnee. Visitation began at 9 a.m. at the church. In lieu of flowers donations to the family would be appreciated. Arrangements were handled by the Warren Funeral Home. in Gurnee. Please sign the Guest Book at www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

BETTY M. TIELKE

Died: Dec. 30, 2006 Was a committed teacher, and business advisor

LIBERTYVILLE—Betty M. Tielke, passed away at home on Saturday, Dec. 30, 2006. She was a committed teacher, business advisor and a very dedicated mother and grandmother. She married James C. Tielke in 1953.

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Betty is survived by her husband, James: her three children, P.J., Michael (Laura) and Dawn; three grandchildren; a sister and three brothers. She was preceded in death by her parents, Harold and Merle; her sister and a brother.

The funeral was held at 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 3 at the McMurrough Funeral Chapel in Libertyville and proceeded to St. Joseph Church in Libertyville for a 10 a.m. mass. Interment was at Ascension Cemetery. Visitation was from 4 to 8 p.m., Jan. 2, at the funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that contributions be made to the American Lung Association in Betty's name, 3000 Kelly Lane, Springfield, IL 62707. Please sign the **Guest Book at** www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

HELEN KUZMICKUS (nee TAUCHAS)

Born: Oct. 19. 1914 Died: Dec. 28, 2006 Was a talented seamstress

WAUKEGAN—Helen Kuzmickus (nee Tauchas), age 92 of Waukegan, died on Thursday, Dec. 28, 2006 at the Convent of the Sisters of St. Casimir in Chicago. Helen enjoyed reading and singing songs from the 20s, 30s and 40s.

She is survived by three daughters, Sister Marilyn Kuzmickus of Chicago, Celia (James) Heintz of Lawrence, Kan., and Mary (Jim) Losch of Pleasant Prairie, Wis.; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death (Curly) Kuzmickus; by her two broth-

Mass of the Resurrection was Noly Family Church in Waukegan with Rev. John Kuzinskus officiating. She was buried at Ascension Cemetery in Libertyville. Visitation was on Jan. 1 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Convent of the Sisters of St. Casimir in Chicago and on Jan. 2 from 11:30 a.m. until the time of mass at 12:30 p.m. at Holy Family Church in Waukegan. In lieu of flowers the

family is requesting memorial gifts be sent to the Convent of the Sisters of St. Casimir, 2601 W. Marquette Road, Chicago, IL 60629. The Bradley Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Please sign the **Guest Book at** www.WeeklyJournals.com/obits

MICHAEL JOHN RAASCH

Born: Aug. 3, 1951 Died: Dec. 28, 2006 Was an avid outdoorsman and nature lover

MUNDELEIN—Michael John Raasch, age 55 of Mundelein, died suddenly Dec. 29, 2006, at Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was a graduate of Stevenson High School and was an avid outdoorsman and nature lover.

He is survived by his best friend, Cathleen; his daughter, Lauren (Mark); his sisters, Linda, Pam and Barb; and four nieces and nephews. Michael is preceded in death by his parents, Clarence and Doris; and his brother, Steve.

Visitation was on Dec. 29 from 5 to 8 p.m. at the McMurrough Funeral Chapel in Libertyville. Private interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery in Fremont Center. If desired, memorials are requested to the Wild Life Rehab Center, P.O. Box 54, Wonder Lake, IL 60097. Please sign the Guest Book at

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- Recent Deaths

LINDA MAE CLAYTON, 43 of Round Lake Heights, Dec. 17, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

ROBERT J. SOMERVILLE, 82 of Antioch, Dec. 20, 2006. Arr: Strang **Funeral Home of Antioch**

MICHELLE MARIE ROBINSON, 36 of Round Lake, Dec. 13, 2006. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville

LINDAK BRUN, 65 of Libertyville, Dec. 20, 2006. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville

STANLEY F. POLINSKI, 54 of Libertyville, Dec. 20, 2006. Arr: Burnett-Dane Funeral Home in Libertyville

WILLARD MEIER, 90 of Bristol Township, Wis., Dec. 21, 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Home of Antioch

DEBRA A. HINSON, 46 of Waukegan, Dec. 13, 2006. Arr: Marsh Funeral Home in Gurnee

ANGELAF. GRIGUTIS, 90 of

Waukegan, Dec. 14, 2006. Arr: **Bradley Funeral Home in North** Chicago

GLORIA GEORGIA HUNTER (GRASTY), 83 of Easley, S.C., Dec. 14, 2006. Arr: Congdon Funeral Home in Zion

DILORA Z. PEARSON-PERRY, 59 of Gurnee, Dec. 21 2006. Arr: Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium in Grayslake

ELEANOR J. WEBER (Nee LARSEN), 76 of Fox Lake, Dec. 16, 2006. Arr: Spring Grove Funeral Chapel

ARLENE GEHRKE CUSHMAN (Nee HARTWIG), 83 of Wauconda, Dec. 22, 2006. Arr: Kisselburg-Wauconda Funerai Home

ALBERT VERNON COXON JR., 87 of Kenosha, Wis., Dec. 13, 2006.Arr: **Gurnee Marsh Funeral Home**

RAYMOND JOHN BASEL, 80 of Wauconda, Dec. 23, 2006. Arr: Kisselburg-Wauconda Funeral Home

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Earnhardt's squabble with stepmother worth watching

■ The latest entry in the "story of the year" category for 2007 is the potential friction between Dale Earnhardt immensely popular among Jr. and his owner, Teresa Earnhardt. Junior's contract is up at the end of 2007, and it looks like his stepmother wants to seen. play hardball.

■ It's going to be interesting to see what the full effect of Toyota's entry is. Some resent the entry of a Japanese manufacturer. On the other hand, Toyota employs many Ameri- Toyota? The manufacturers

BURNING ISSUES

American consumers. In other words, is the total effect a plus or a minus? That remains to be

■ With the Car of Tomorrow - and the continuing trend of making the cars more and more alike — will there really be much difference between a Carl Edwards — all failed to racing, at least not on ovals. Ford, a Chevy, a Dodge and a make the Chase. Will they be What happens if Montoya succan workers and is obviously will certainly want you to be-

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lured away.

minus question must be an- Hamlin make the 2007 Chase? swered in regard to newcomer panic fans to the tracks? In part, it undoubtedly depends emerges as competition? Toy- will be interesting to watch. on how he does.

■ In 2006, the top three drivers from the previous year back?

And what if history re- others?

peats itself? Will Jimmie John-■ The same kind of plus-and- son, Matt Kenseth and Denny

dominate, and if not, who ota? Dodge? Ford?

■ Drivers with road-racing backgrounds have not histori-Tony Stewart, Greg Biffle and cally adapted well to stock-car.

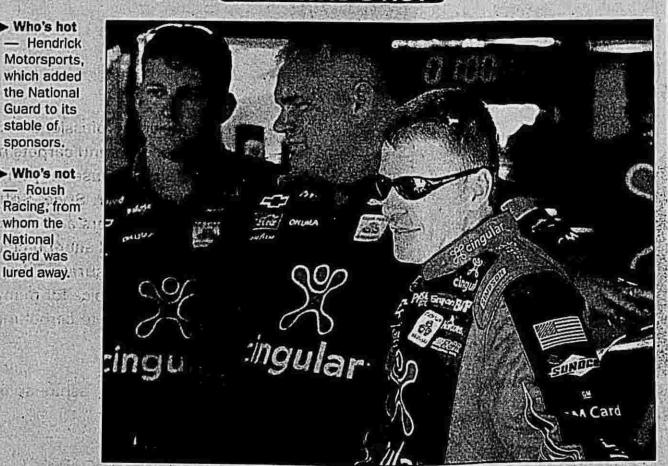
Many fans are discontented with all the recent changes, and the new season will bring ■ Chevy drivers won 23 of many more. Will they bring in Juan Pablo Montoya. Will his the 36 races in 2006. What hap-more new fans than older ones presence bring throngs of His- pens next? Do they continue to who lose interest? That's where NASCAR's money is. It

■ If Roger Penske's two drivers, Kurt Busch and Ryan Newman, fail to make the Chase again, drastic changes will occur in that organization. That could involve drivers, ceeds? Will it open the door for manufacturers or both. Stay tuned.

HE SAID WHAT?

- "We have been selling cars in the United States for 50 years and racing here for 25, We've been successful not because we've spent money but because we've spent money wisely." - Lee White, vice president, Toyota Racing Development
- I think they're the ugliest cars I've ever seen. I don't even want to get in it. I'll wait until they make us next year." - rookie Reed Sorenson, on the Car of Tomorrow.
- There was a rookie out there who was a dart without feathers." -Tony Stewart, referring to David Ragan at Martinsville.
- Let's clear this up once and for all. Denny (Hamlin) plays video games for the same reason I played video games when I was 18 or 20 years old. He's a kid." -Tony Stewart
- "I don't know much about NASCAR except that they go fast; it's really loud and chicks dig it. How bad can that be?" - Cheech Marin (of Cheech and Chong fame), grand marshal at Infineon Raceway.

AND-WHO'S NOT



John Clark/The Gazette

Jeff Burton's resurgence on the track was a big story in 2006, Burton accumulated 20 top-10 finishes and seven top-fives.

YOUR-TURN-• LETTERS FROM OUR READERS•

NASCAR This Week welcomes letters to the editor, but please be aware that we have room for only a few each week. We'll do our best to select the best, but individual replies are impossible due to the bulk of mail received. Please do not send stamped and self-addressed envelopes with your letters, which should be addressed to:

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How prize money works

I hope that someone would tell me how the prize money (was) determined in the last race at Homestead-Miami Speedway. I am going to name two race drivers. First, Kurt Busch started 36th, finished last (43rd), ran nine laps in the race, led no laps and won \$100,506. Second, Scott Riggs started second; finished seventh, ran all 268 laps, led one lap and won \$91,100.

Bruce Barton Roxboro, N.C.

This is a matter we have answered many times through the years. NASCAR rewards drivers for previous performances with plans that add money based on whether or not drivers qualify for certain plans, the so-called Winners' Circle being the most notable.

Darlington's best are ones who

By Monte Dutton

NASCAR This Week

drivers at the 1.366-mile, eggshaped track tend to be those date, and the racing here is team officials reported that row, difficult layout.

For instance, Jeff Burton has put together 13 top-10 finishes May 12. Greg Biffle will atin 24 races.

"I've been coming to Dar- in a row. lington since I was a kid, and it's really a special place for me," said Burton. "Darlington stands out from the rest in a lot 4 2 2 4 5 5 6 6 6 7 7 8 4

(-NUTS-AND-BOLTS--)

sport, and it's a privilege to A Darlington Raceway re- compete here. It's like a homelease noted that successful coming, especially with the son arrived three weeks early new Mother's Day weekend at 5 pounds, 6 ounces, but who enjoy racing on the nar- some of the best of the entire season."

The Dodge Avenger 500 is won twice at Darlington and scheduled for Saturday night; tempt to win for the third year

Addition to the family of ways. It's an icon of our Ryan Newman's crew chief,

wife, Kim, welcomed a baby casts. Sirius will carry every torsports. girl to the family on Friday, Dec. 22. Claire Margaret Nelmother and baby are doing fine. Claire joins big brother Carter, who is 2.

Channel debut - Sirius Satellite Radio, which has ac-

quired NASCAR rights, dechannel (No. 128) on Jan. 1.

Nextel Cup, Busch Series and "We take an enormous Craftsman Truck Series race. amount of pride in welcoming. Tony Stewart, Charlotte Observer reporter/columnist said owner Rick Hendrick. David Poole and broadcasters John Kernan.

buted its around-the-clock Army National Guard has this new relationship will furjoined GMAC to sponsor the ther enhance our involvement Rival XM previously held the No. 25 Chevrolet of new driver in the sport."

Mike Nelson, and Nelson's rights to live NASCAR broad- Casey Mears at Hendrick Mo-

Regular talk shows will be the men and women of the Nahosted by two-time champion tional Guard and continuing our relationship with GMAC,"

The National Guard previ-Marty Snider, Matt Yocum and ously sponsored Greg Biffle at Roush Racing.

"NASCAR continues to be a vital component of our recruiting and retention programs," said Col; Mike Jones of the Na-Switch to Hendrick - The tional Guard, "and we believe

COMMUNITY —

- School Notes

SCHOOL DISTRICT 24

Cold Crafts

The district is looking for crafty people to display its wares at the annual Millburn School District 24 Frost Fair.

Various crafts will be on display and for sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 10, at Millburn West School, 640 Freedom Way in Lindenhurst.

Those who would like to participate should contact Christine. Fluhler at (847) 245-7371 or Kitty McCannon at (847) 265-7458.

Millburn seeks support

Millburn District 24 asks that
the community support its 7th
Annual March Madness
Dinner/Auction Benefit. This event
raises funds to support the district's Cultural and Fine Arts,
Curriculum Enrichment,
Scholarship and Wellness programs. This year's event will take
place on March 10 at Midlane
Country Club, 18550 Millburn
Road, in Wadsworth. Last year's
auction raised \$65,000.
Donations of merchandise, serv-

ices, event tickets, dinner gift certificates, cash, etc., will be greatly appreciated. The auction bid book will acknowledge donors. For information, call Therese Schmidt at (847) 356-5723.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 34

Bullying lesson

Antioch Upper Grade School will host an informational meeting for parents on bullying. All are welcome to the gathering, which will take place from 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 12.

Help wanted

Hillcrest Elementary School needs to fill several positions. Those interested in being classroom aide substitutes should call (847) 838-8001.

A full-time special education aide also is needed. Candidates must have 30 hours of college credit or paraprofessional certification. A letter of interest with a resume and references should be faxed to (847) 838-8004.

Officials also are looking for a

full-time computer lab aide.
Candidates must have 30 hours
of college credit or paraprofessional certification. Fax a letter of
interest, resume and list of references to (847) 838-8004.

SCHOOL DISTRICT 41

Busy bees

The district is preparing for upcoming spelling bees. The first will take place at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 23, at Hooper Elementary School. The second will take place at noon on the same day at Palombi Middle School. The third bee is at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 24, at Thompson Elementary School, and the fourth will be held at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 25, at Martin Elementary School. The last bee will be at 2 p.m. on the same day at Pleviak Elementary School.

Volunteer policy

The district has developed a new policy for those wishing to volunteer. Those who want to help out need to fill out a

"Volunteer Information Form" in each school's office by Jan. 8. Only those who pass screening criteria will be able to volunteer.

Getting involved

Hooper School has created a student group, Students Arranging Volunteer Efforts (SAVE).

The group is to teach sixth graders leadership and the value of community service. Teachers have nominated two students a class to serve on the group, which meets with the principal once a month during lunch and recess to plan service projects. Stay tuned for upcoming events.

Winter weather

District staffers would like to remind parents that they can use several resources to find out if classes are cancelled because of snow storms.

School closings will be listed on www.district41.org and www.cancellations.com. Also, television and radio stations broadcast cancellations. Schools will not close early.

Parents also should make sure that their kids bring snow gear with them for recess. Hats, scarves, snow pants and other warm items are needed for students to play in the snow. Otherwise they will be restricted to playing on the blacktop.

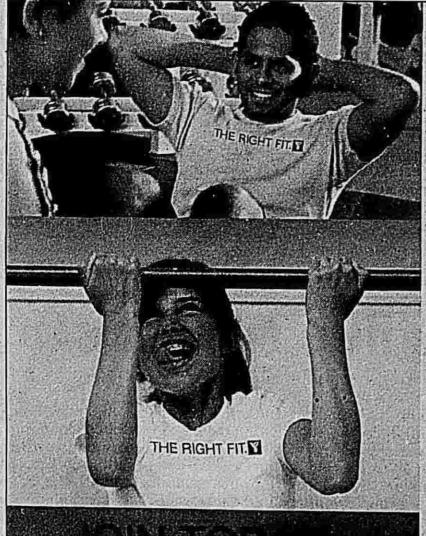
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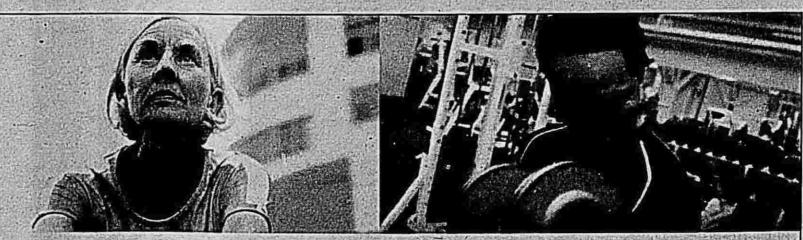
Lakes High School is offering prep classes for juniors that plan on taking the Feb. 10 ACT test. The classes start Tuesday, Jan. 23, and will focus on test-taking skills for each subject: math, science, reading, language arts and writing.

The classes are divided into each subject, and students can sign up just for the subjects they want help in. Each class costs \$25 and lasts 90 minutes. Signing up for all subjects costs \$100.

Classes will meet at 5:30 to 7 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Jan. 23. Contact the school at (847) 838-7100 for more information.



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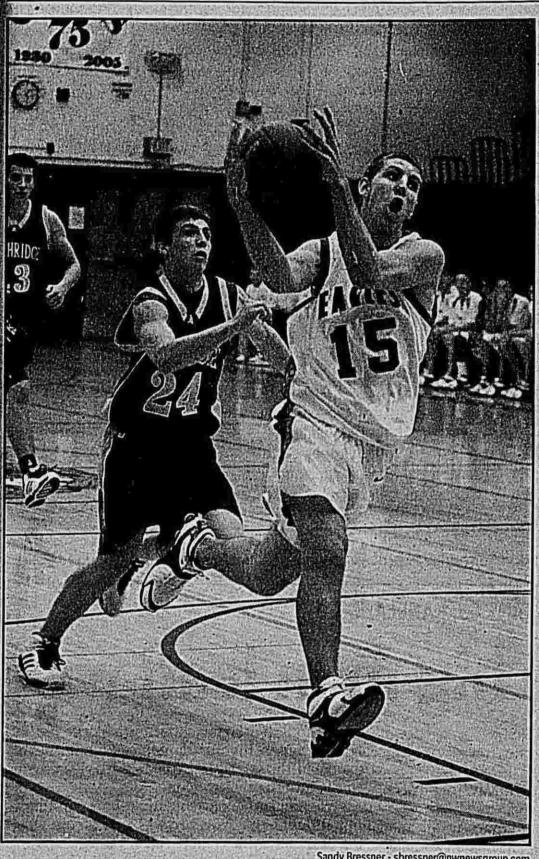
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Lakes senior guard Sean Hertz (right) drives to the basket during a game against Northridge Prep at the Grant Holiday Tournament in Fox Lake.

BOYS BASKETBALL: GRANT HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT

Bulldogs avenge loss, trump Lakes

By STEVE PETERSON

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FOX LAKE - For the second time this season, Grant's boys basketball team had cause to celebrate a tournament championship.

Led by 28 points from Mike Shields, 17 from Jeremy Shedrick, 14 from Curtis Oler, and a

monster

Grant's Marc

Grischeau, Jeremy

past Kaneland.

Shedrick carry Bulldogs

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commanding 14-5 overtime run, the Bulldogs Two-headed won an emotionally charged 69-60 triumph against Lakes.

The championship comes on the heels of taking the Johnsburg Thanksgiving Tournament title:

While it might be Grant's second tournament championship, it was only the first Grant Holiday Tournament.

With the win, Grant (11-1) will have its name on both the host and champion sections of the Tom Maple trophy.

"Coach says to go 100 percent, and to step it up. This game, we did that," Shedrick, the tournament's MVP, said.

One question that rang in the heads of tournament fans and Lakes coaches was how did Shields, a guard, get open for so many key baskets in the tournament title game?

Shields said his teammates caught the Eagles in many switches on defense.

"It's great," Shields said of the win. "I'm glad we won in our house."

Three consecutive turnovers turned the > game in Grant's favor and led to the Bulldogs accepting the first Tom Maple trophy at the game's conclusion. The last of the trio ended in a layup by Shields for a 61-58 lead. A fourth possession resulted in a charge call. Grant then made its free throws down the stretch, 8of-9.

"We tell the kids that that is how champions play in regional and divisional games. We responded to their every run," Grant coach Phil Ralston said. "Give Lakes a tremendous amount of credit. I'm very proud of how we responded."

Lakes (7-7) had the upper hand early, leading 15-6 after one quarter, much to the delight of the "Royal Rush" fan club. Kevin Guirand came up with 12 points in the title game, Chuck Kempf led the effort with 17 points, and Sean Hertz, who already has 1,000 points at Lakes, scored 11.

'We had some breakdowns, and they shot the ball well," Lakes coach Brian Phelan said. "But we're proud that Hertz got his 1,000th point."

With the overtime contest, there is a new, but growing rivalry between the two neighboring schools. The Lakes team won the first meeting of the year, and at least one more game remains in divisional play, scheduled for Jan. 25 at Grant.

WRESTLING: CARMEL INVITATIONAL

— Corsairs miss title by half point Just out of reach

By STEVE PETERSON speterson@nwnewsgroup.com

MUNDELEIN - Upon further review, Deerfield came away with the tournament championship at the 27th annu-Carmel Invitational wrestling tournament on Dec.

The Warriors edged the host Corsairs by the slimmest of kids. Plus, we had some young margins, 209.5 to 209, after a review of all the scoring.

Carmel had a string of champions starting at 152 pounds, when junior Ryan

Unrein won by fall in 1:44 over Scott Zimmerman of Deerfiled. Carmel senior Bill Battistone kept a good thing going at 160, winning a 7-1 decision against Marc Carter of Rich Central. Junior Ryan Williams made it three-for-three for the Corsairs with a win in a fall at 3:55 over Andrew Rixon of Deerfield.

"Those are our toughest kids step up and wrestle well because we were missing two starters," Carmel coach Joe Scordino said.

Invitational standings

Final team standings from the Carmel Invitational:

Deerfield 209.5, Carmel 209, Lake Forest 82.5. Elmwood Park 77.5, Oak Park River Forest JV 63.5, Richmond Central 60, Driscoll 34 and Mather A A STATE

wrestlers at 171, as David Thompson took third. Last year's state qualifier, Dan Clinton, won his title at 285, by fall over Reid Gustafson of Carmel actually placed two Deerfield in 1:49.

"I've gotten a lot of good wholel; we had a lot of freshmen step up."

Williams also won his title at three-wrestler bracket. 171, but traveled a hard road to of early losses.

"I tried to keep shooting at Conference. him, but that did not work, so I went toe-to-toe," Williams said.

Brian Beske, a junior, gained another title for the Corsairs. Deerfield's Andy Rosenberg.

Jason Oliva of Carmel had takedowns," Clinton said. the unusual experience of win-"We're happy with [the day as a ning at 112 without wrestling a match. He won by injury default in the final in the only

Carmel has had much sucget there. Williams said he cess in dual meets, where the learned so much from a couple Corsairs are 7-3 and 2-0 in the Eastern Suburban Catholic

"This was nothing more than a big practice at the end of the year," Scordino said. "We still have a lot of work to do. The He won by fall in 1:15 over goal is to do well at the end of the year."

On the Sidelines

Here's my resolution

With the champagne headache finally clear, I can say with conviction ... Happy New Year!

And of course, with the passing of another year into the record books, there's one thing that always comes with it: New Year's resolutions.

New Year's resolutions have the noble purpose of giving everyone a clean break from the guilt of all the wrongs from the past year. With 2006 now a memory, I'd like to give a few New Year's resolutions that we all should follow with a few of my own.

1. Sports fans are not coaches, and should not pretend to be.

We've all heard the horror stories of crazed Little League parents signal-



Daniel J. **Patrick**

ing for pitchers to go headhunting, but it goes beyond extreme examples. As an ex-athlete, I know that it's difficult to shut the old yapper and let the kids play, but the coaches are there to coach, the players are there to play, and the rest of us are there to watch, cheer and nothing more.

2. Remember that referees are humans, too.

OK, maybe sub-human on occasion, but they aren't mindless robots that are unfeeling, or, on the flip side, feeling enough to purposefully single out kids or teams to pick on. It's their job to call the games as they see them, and if you think a ref has the time to really care about trying to mess up your favorite player's "predestined" Division I scholarship, you sorely are mistaken.

So, before you start yelling at referees about their lack of vision, just remember that a blind person's biggest asset is their sense of hearing.

3. The national anthem is not a "Let's hear some noise" sign.

Now, I don't know if it's just the human desire to hear ourselves talk or what, but the national anthem is not something that should be interrupted by random catcalls or cheering of any kind. Instead, it's a chance for all of us to reflect on the people who risk their lives

so that the biggest problem that we have to worry about is whether or not we can make it to the said sports contest.

As McHenryCountySports. com's Rant says, "It is a slap in the face to the men and women of the U.S. Armed Services who put the 'brave' in 'home of the brave."

In addition to the general resolutions, I'm going to give you a look into my own little guidelines for 2007. Hopefully, I'll be able to see them through to 2008.

1. I'm going to start sitting with the fans again.

Most of the time, sportswriters like me are given their own little nook as if we were quarantined from the rest of the sports fan population. There are many reasons for this separation, including giving reporters better angles so we can accurately report the action. And as we aren't supposed to be fans of the schools we cover, conventional sense is that it's better that our views aren't "tainted" by that lovable mental institution escapee wrapped in gallons of body paint.

Well, I for one, will be seeking to give my sports sickness to the rest of the fans and maybe gain a little bit of your sickness to me. But, if you see me out there with a hazardous materials suit on, try not to be offended.

2. Move on.

There comes a time in everyone's life when it's simply time to leave the past in the past and focus on the present. But as I'm sure many people will back me up on this, it's hard to hang up that old letterman jacket.

Very hard.

Even so, it's time to realize that the only time I'll be suiting up for a basketball game is for a pickup game at the YMCA or at the hoop by my apartment, and nothing more. Oh well, now I can simply hone my Al Bundy or Uncle Rico impression by adding my own stats!

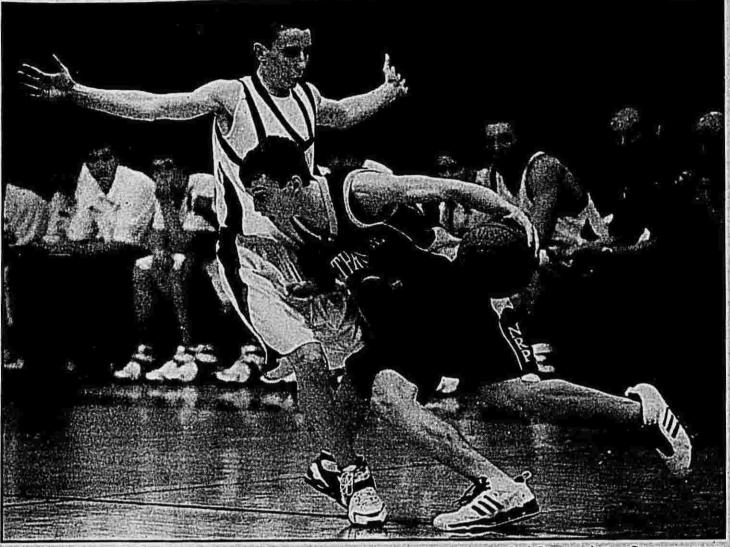
3. Lay off the cheese.

My final resolution is to never write cheesy cliche articles like New Year's resolution columns in 2007.

Oh wait ... I guess no one ever follows them all.

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Closely guarded



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Lakes' Trey Williams (left) guards a Northridge Prep player during the Grant Holiday Tournament in Fox Lake.

BOYS BASKETBALL: GRANT 63, KANELAND 60

Grant's big men lead way

By STEVE PETERSON

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FOX LAKE - Two heads always are better in the fourth quarter alone. than one in solving problems.

Such is the case when it comes to big men on the basketball court. Grant has a two-headed monster of talented post presence in 6-foot-5 Marc Grischeau, and 6-6 Jeremy Shedrick, and the Bulldogs needed every one of their 41 combined points in a 63-60 win against Kaneland.

crashing for the rebounds," Grischeau said. "We started off slow defensively, but the offense was OK as we worked the ball inside. our best. This was my best game overall."

Grischeau, a junior, had six rebounds. Shedrick had 14 rebounds to go with his 20 points. Guard Mike Shields also had a steady hand with 18 points and the team's only two three-pointers.

"You see some battles between them in practice," Grant coach Phil Ralston said of Grischeau and Shedrick. "I don't think we have hit all cylinders yet."

Perhaps what is most surprising about the Grischeau-Shedrick duo is the team's short rise to power. Grischeau learned of Shedrick's transfer to Grant after summer ball, so the team had less than a month to learn how to utilize Shedrick's talents.

As for the Kaneland win, Grant had to sur- Rockets.

vive a fourth-quarter shooting barrage led by Nick Wagner. Before the game, Ralston never expected the guard to explode with five scores

'We had two good scouting reports on them, but thought that Wagner was just a role player," Ralston said. "When you hit a three-pointer, give the other team credit; when he hits two, then we have to talk; and when he hits three, then we have a problem."

Wagner's last trey made it a 59-58 Grant lead with 1:50 remaining. Shedrick scored on two "My teammates were doing a good job of moves to the basket for a 63-58 margin, but getting me the ball, and Jeremy and I were Boone Thorgesen had a tip-in and a late threepointer for a tie.

Forward Scott Malewig scored 18 points and guard Ki Crook had 11 to lead the Knights. This is our tournament and we want to show Kaneland took command early, with a 12-0 lead, and for a few seconds, the Grant reserves played. Led by Grischeau, Grant regained the lead at 27-26 at halftime.

Grant 62, Richmond-Burton 53

Grant led by 18 points in the second half, then saw Richmond-Burton rally to within five before Grant pulled off the victory.

Shedrick had 15 points and 15 rebounds as Grant looked to go more inside after the first quarter. Shields scored 15 points and had four rebounds, and senior Zak Jolly had a steady game with 11 points and three rebounds.

Grischeau had nine points and seven rebounds.

David Rosing and Jim Hay had 10 for the

GIRLS BASKETBALL: BLUE DEVIL CLASSIC

Warren captures tourney over Wheeling

Blue Devils' Boothe scores 21, grabs 10 rebounds; Carmel finishes off strong

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

Before the season began, every Lake County girls basketball fan knew Sarah Boothe's name.

Now, for the few people who still don't know the Warren junior's work, there's another was 10 points, it wasn't that easy Grayslake Central 36 reason to pay attention.

Boothe, the 6-foot-5-inch Warren center, finished off with 21 points, 12 rebounds, five blocks and three assists to lead the Blue Devils in a big 51-41 win against Wheeling to take the Blue Devil Classic tournament champi- Wheeling never would pull back

onship.

The win especially is sweet for Warren coach Blue Devil Classic trophy a year a 3-1 mark in the tournament.

While the margin of victory for Warren. In the third quarter, Warren's Shana Shepherd immefive quick points off of a threepoint basket and a short jumper.

into contention.

John improves to 14-2, including a 4-0 Stanczykiewicz and his crew stretch in the Blue Devil Classic, because Wheeling earned the while Wheeling drops to 13-4 with

Carmel 41

Carmel started the tourna-Wheeling was behind by only a ment with a tough loss, but the basket with a 39-37 deficit. But Corsairs rebounded in the next three, capping off their Blue diately slammed the door with Devil Classic run with a fivepoint victory against Grayslake Central.

Carmel pounced on the Rams seven points.

from the get-go, scoring the first With the win, Warren seven points of the game en route to a 14-4 first-quarter lead, and brought a 20-13 lead into the locker room at halftime.

> The Rams (7-10), led by senior Kelly Washington (12 points) and Kara Ming (seven points), were able to get back into the game. But the Corsairs' defense ensured the victory.

Aubrey Simmons led the way for Carmel (8-8) with eight points and eight rebounds, while Erin Glogovsky and Hendricks both finished with



the Blue Devil Classic.

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Warren's Lory Shaw goes up for a

rebound during the championship of

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Community Church of the Holy Spirit. 25291 W. Lehmann Blvd., Lake Villa. (847) 245-3000. Sunday Worship 11am., Bible Study Wednesday 10:30am & 7:30pm.Rev. Scott Keenan, Pastor, www.myholyspirit.org.

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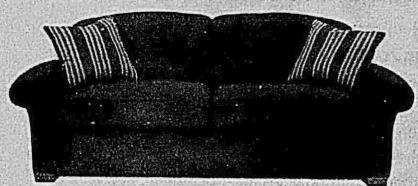
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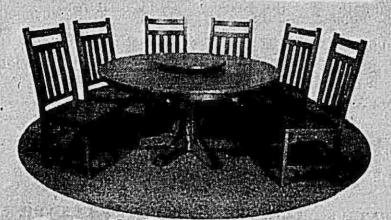
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One Man's Opinion

Regular season ends with a yawn

Perhaps the most interesting question about the 2006 NFL playoffs is this: Were there more teams trying to avoid participation than there were trying to get in?

The powers-that-be can crow all they want about the 20 teams that still were alive for playoff shots heading into the final weekend of the season, but the simple fact is it only was because so many of them were so bad. This might be the parity some folks crave, but to me the level of play around the NFL over the last few weeks of the season wasn't even good enough to pass for mediocrity.

The Chargers, Ravens and Patriots are worthy playoff teams and potential Super Bowl champions, and perhaps, just perhaps, the Eagles belong, as well. But should any other team emerge victorious in Super Bowl XLI in Miami, it will be time to start worrying about where the game is headed.

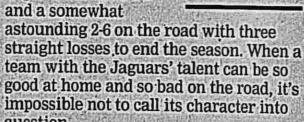
Last week I wrote in this space about how horrible the NFC has been in 2006. Having noted that fact, to give the Bengals, Jaguars and Broncos a pass on public shaming would be irresponsible.

The Bengals' 8-8 record can be explained in part by the fact they faced the toughest schedule in the NFL. But sitting at 8-5 a month ago and riding a three-game winning streak that included victories against New Orleans and Baltimore, didn't we have a right to expect them to make the playoffs, especially considering it turned out all they needed was one more win?

Cincinnati's collapse was because of a lot more than just a botched extra point in Week 16 and a missed field goal at the end of the Steelers game in Week 17. The Bengals have to be given at least

a tie with Carolina as 2006's most disappointing team.

Jacksonville was almost as bad. After jumping out to a 5-3 start that included wins against playoffbound Dallas, the N.Y. Jets and Philadelphia, the Jaguars finished 3-5



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Then there are the Broncos. Coming off a trip to the AFC title game in 2005. Denver jumped out to a 7-2 start before stumbling to a 2-5 finish. Still, with only 6-9 49ers, who previously had been totally embarrassed by the Chiefs, Chargers, Bears and Saints, Denver couldn't get a win to control its own destiny.

As for the other teams who did claim

AFC playoff spots, I'll give the Jets their due. While they have at times raised winning ugly to an art form, they won five of their last six to punch their ticket to the playoffs. That not one of those wins was against a team with a winning record is not their fault; they did what they had to do.

But can anyone see them beating any other team in the playoffs?

Kansas City also won its last two games when it had to, but only after a three-game losing streak threatened to drop the Chiefs out of the race, including one loss in which they blew a twotouchdown lead in the fourth quarter at

Indianapolis might still impress some of you, but after dropping three of its last five, I'm picking the Chiefs to knock the Colts off in the first upset of the postseason.

Seattle and Dallas are jokes, each having lost three of its last four. The Cowboys got knocked off in their regular-season finale at home by the Lions when a division title still was in play. The Seahawks were mired in a threegame losing streak that started with embarrassments against Arizona and San Francisco before they at least played the Chargers tough in defeat and knocked off the lowly Bucs in Week 17.

But no playoff club this year, or in recent memory, is a bigger farce than the N.Y. Giants. How does any club barely

get by Tampa (17-3) and Houston (14-10), both at home, before dropping six of its last eight and still get into the playoffs?

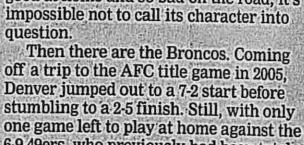
Only in the NFC, circa 2006.

Finally, we have the Bears and New Orleans. These are clubs I want desperately to believe in to give the NFC some hope. So perhaps I made excuses for the Bears, reasoning that when a club clinches a No. 1 seed with three weeks to play, it's impossible to get up for teams like Tampa and Detroit, both of whom the Bears should have lost to but found a way to defeat in Weeks 15 and 16. But after the mess the Bears made in their own backyard on the final week of the season vs. the Packers, to pretend they are not significantly flawed is delusion-

And while the Saints were a tad bit less disappointing with a big Week 16 spanking of the Giants, that win, after all, was sandwiched in between losses to the 'Skins and Panthers to close the sea-

Please hear me all when I tell you that I point out the worst because I yearn for the best, and certainly it's not too late. But unless we see a U-turn from the Bears and Saints and a quantum leap from a few other clubs immediately, we could be facing some of the most disappointing playoffs the NFL has ever seen.

 Hub Arkush is the publisher of Pro Football Weekly.



Grossman won't shy away from frequent criticism

By NICK HUT nhut@nwnewsgroup.com

Rex Grossman never shies away from bad performances of most likely that Saturday night. the kind he endured Sunday night against Green Bay, preferstudy every last disappointing play on tape.

forget it and move on," Grossman said afterward, "but I do think you have to watch it [out] myself," Grossman said. and learn from it."

semifinal the weekend of Jan. 13-14. They will host Seattle. Dallas or the New York Giants the bit and have a sense of or possibly Sunday afternoon.

After completing only two ring to come in on his own and passes, throwing three inter- up a like response after a simiceptions - two of which went larly tough outing Dec. 3 for touchdowns - and losing a against Minnesota, when he "At some point, you have to fumble, Grossman initially was said, "I just am so confused why at a loss for answers.

"I'm trying to figure that

Grossman will have a lot to wrong went wrong, whether it game, going three consecutive points. learn from in the days leading was a tipped pass or my reads. victories without a turnover.

up to the Bears' conference Everything just didn't seem back to the drawing board a litthe playoffs."

The fourth-year pro offered despite I do some of the things I do."

is that Grossman rebounded "Everything that could go effectively from the Minnesota

The other good news - none their Sunday night loss to the seems daunting at this stage.

Arizona and San Francisco qualify, getting Matt Hasselbeck and Alexander back from injuries.

ago, finished the regular season ous times this season. The good news for the Bears 1-3 and lost at home to Detroit

The Giants started 6-2, but and fight my way out."

right tonight, and I've got to go of the possible opponents Bears on Nov. 12 triggered a 2-6 tailspin. New York was fortu-Seattle, the defending NFC nate the conference was so bad urgency about us heading into champions, recently lost to that a .500 record allowed it to

None of the three possible Shaun opponents has an especially stout defense, so Grossman Dallas, a popular Super should have chances to regain Bowl pick as of a few weeks the form he has flashed at vari-

"I'm excited about the chalon Sunday. The Lions shredded lenge," he said. "I've been in the Cowboys' defense for 39 this position before, so I'm just going to go back into my fort

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Outdoor Experience

Sports shows kicking off

What better way to cure a case of cabin fever than by strolling the aisles of an exposition hall, eyeballing the latest gizmos and shooting the breeze with fellow housebound anglers?

Yes, the sport show season is upon us.

I remember the old days, attending the big show at

Chicago's
International Amphitheater, hosted by cowboy/actor
John
Bromfield. A
big attraction was
Victor the
Wrestling
Bear, chal-



Steve Sarley

lenging all comers, and never pinned in more than 2,000 bouts.

Your first opportunity to cure that initial blast of indoor-itis is at the Northwest Chicago Sports Show at Arlington Park, scheduled through Jan. 7.

This show is not the same show that was produced by the Ed Shirley string of tackle shops up until a few years ago. Shirley's sold out to the Rosemont show and Chuck Collins of Chicago International Amphitheater marketing established this current show as a new venture. The show kicked off two years ago with a modest amount of booth space and meager attendance. Last year, both numbers grew substantially, and it looks like Collins' show will hit its stride in 2007.

Every show that swings through town has a number of things in common. The shows all feature tackle dealers ready to ring up your purchases of rods, reels and tackle. All of the shows also have plenty of resorts, camps and lodges on exhibit. All of the shows feature boats on display, and all include a lineup of seminar speakers.

Why does Arlington stand out in my mind? First off, I love that you can park close to the doors and the fee is only \$6. Yes, I know that free parking would be even better, but compared to what you have to shell out at other exhibit halls, \$6 parking is akin to buying bucka-gallon gas.

Arlington Park is a nice venue for a show. The configuration allows the exhibits to be sectored off into smaller areas and you'll never feel like you are walking around in a giant barn.

Seminar halls once were the driving force behind attendance at outdoors shows, but in recent years that concept has faltered. The Northwest Chicago Sports Show has brought seminar presentations to the forefront. If only I could attend the show for the seminars and not see anything else, I still would feel that I'd gotten my money's worth.

Local pros such as Todd
Berg, Captain Bob Jenkins and
"The Legend" Darrell Baker
will all be on hand to offer lessons, tips and hotspots for popular lakes. Hall of Famer
Spence Petros will be there to
give a new presentation he's
cooked up called "Super
Walleye.Techniques."

Smallmouth bass guru Mike Mladenik will astound you with some of his tips, and musky madman Pete Maina will take the stage to offer up some of his unique tips.

There will be a number of other speakers, but the main event for this shindig undoubtedly is Mr. Babe Winkelman. "The Babe" grabs the mic at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 6, to give his famous presentation on pattern fishing.

Arlington Park Racetrack is located at Route 53 and Euclid Avenue. Hours are from noon to 9 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday.

Adult admission is \$7. Ages 6 to 12 are \$3, and children under 6 are free.

For more information or to print a coupon for \$1 off your admission, visit www.nwchicagosportsshow.com. I hope to see you there! WRESTLING: PALATINE BERMAN CLASSIC

Shorthanded Blue Devils take 12th

Four Lakes grapplers earn titles as Eagles finish in 14th place

LAKE COUNTY JOURNALS

Injuries are a part of life in sports, but Warren wrestling coach Mark Tiffany would just as well do without them.

After losing three Blue Devil grapplers, Warren had the best area finish. taking 12th in the Palatine Berman Classic with 97 points despite working without brothers Brennan Drew (152 some work on being mat savvy, and pounds) and Connor Drew (112) and 103pounder Robby Schultheis.

Even without the Drew nameplate,

at the big tournament.

 Despite placing four wrestlers in the big 25-team Palatine Tournament, Lakes coach Curt Onstad said he believes that he can get more out of his team of wrestlers, who placed 14th with 79 points.

"We are getting better, but we need knowing when to take risks," Onstad said in a release.

Four Eagles, namely Tyler Hall (285), the Blue Devils' Sid Estrada (215) took Ben Rehm (215), Kyle Mueller (130 and second and Jon Gonzalez (135) took. Matt Holmes (119) were able to place in finished in fourth to help the Mustangs.

fourth to lead five Warren place winners the tournament. Hall took home the highest honors, finishing third for the heavyweights, while Holmes took fourth, Rehm earned sixth place and Mueller finished in seventh place.

> After the first day of competition, the Eagles stood in 13th place out of the 25 teams. Lakes is 5-6 in dual meets prior to their Thursday match against St. Viator.

> Mundelein placed 15th at the Berman Classic with 78.5 points. The Mustangs' Nick Kainrath and Alex Mena were able to place in the tournament.

> Kainrath took third place while Mena

Invitational standings

Final team standings from the Palatine Berman Classic:

 Minooka 269.5; 2. Lincolnway Central 194.5; 3. Lyons 193; 4. St. Charles East 155; 5. Lake Zurich 151.5; 6. Leyden 134.5; 7. Hinsdale South 131; 8. Palatine 125; 9. Glenbard East. 119.5; 10. Hinsdale Central 109.5; 11. Downers Grove North 101; 12. Warren 97; 13. East Moline 85; 14. Lakes 79; 15. Mundelein 78.5; 16. Rock Island 72; 17. Oswego 63.5; 18. Hillcrest 57.5; 19. Hersey 43; 20. Oak Forest 42; 21. Maine East 39; 22. Pekin 33; 23. Eisenhower 27; 24. Marian Central 22; 25. Tinley Park 14

Grayslake Quadrangular

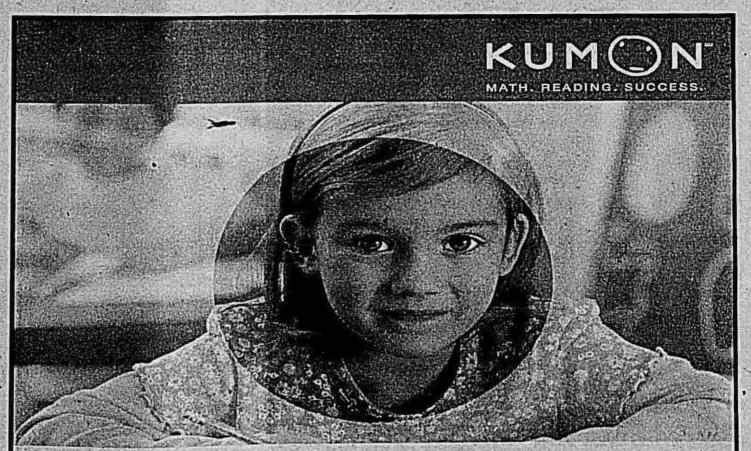


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Grayslake Central's Justin Hay (left) battles Grant's Alex Mejia of Grant in the 140pound weight class during a quadrangular meet that included Mundelein and New Trier, in Grayslake.

Mundelein picked up two victories, beating host Grayslake, 45-9, and New Trier, 46-13. Grant dropped the Mustangs, 50-4.

No other results were reported.

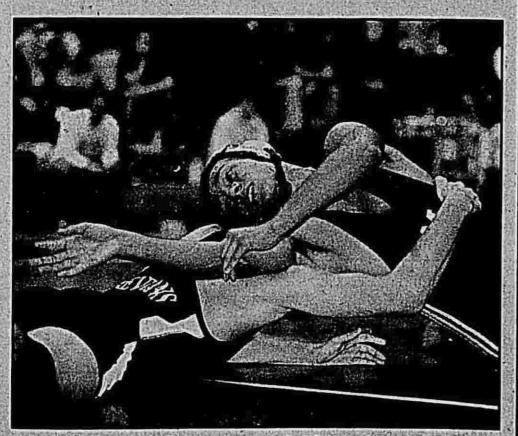


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Mundelein's Steven Avalos (right) reaches back to grab opponent Noah Roberts of New Trier in the 171-pound weight class.

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